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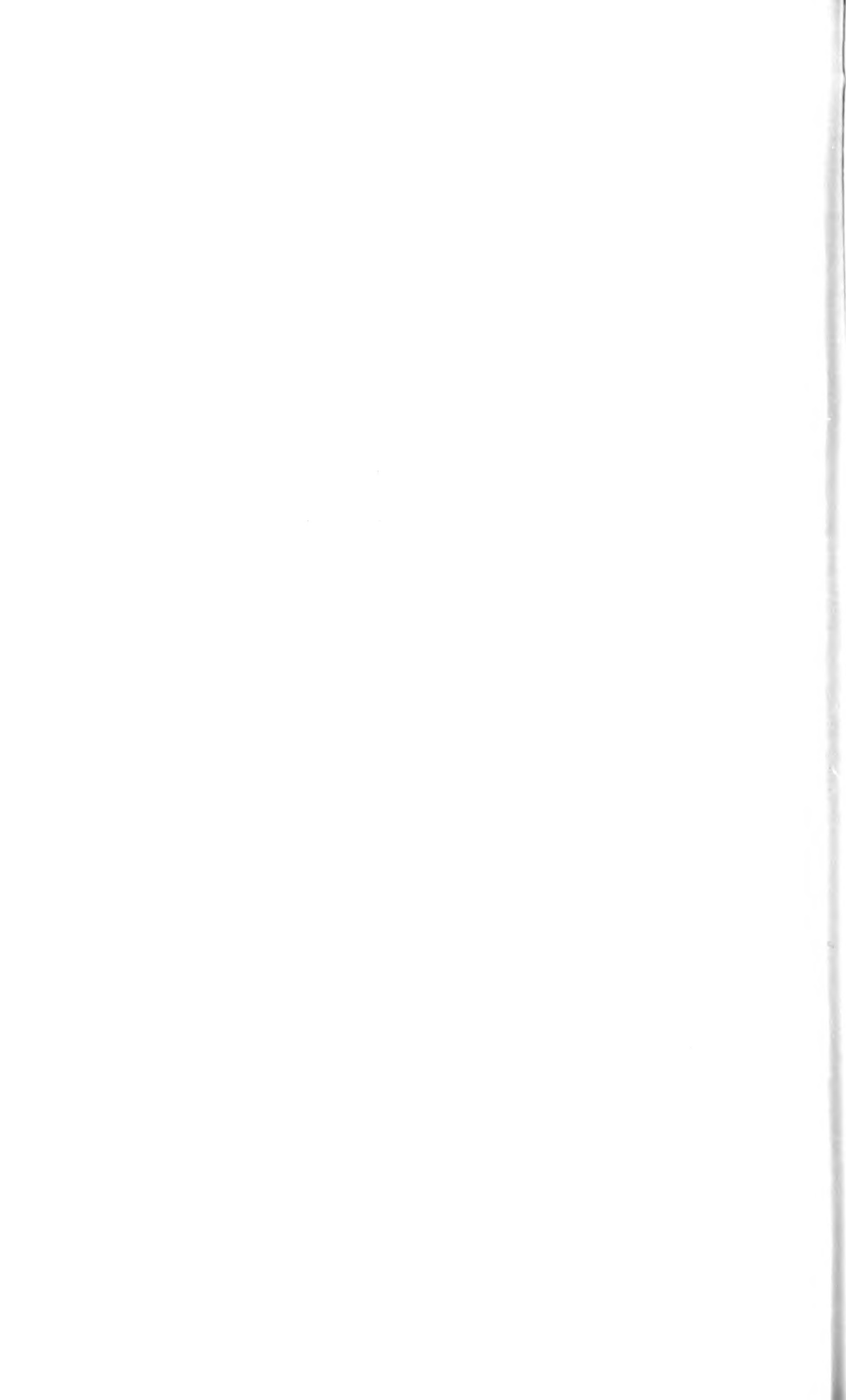
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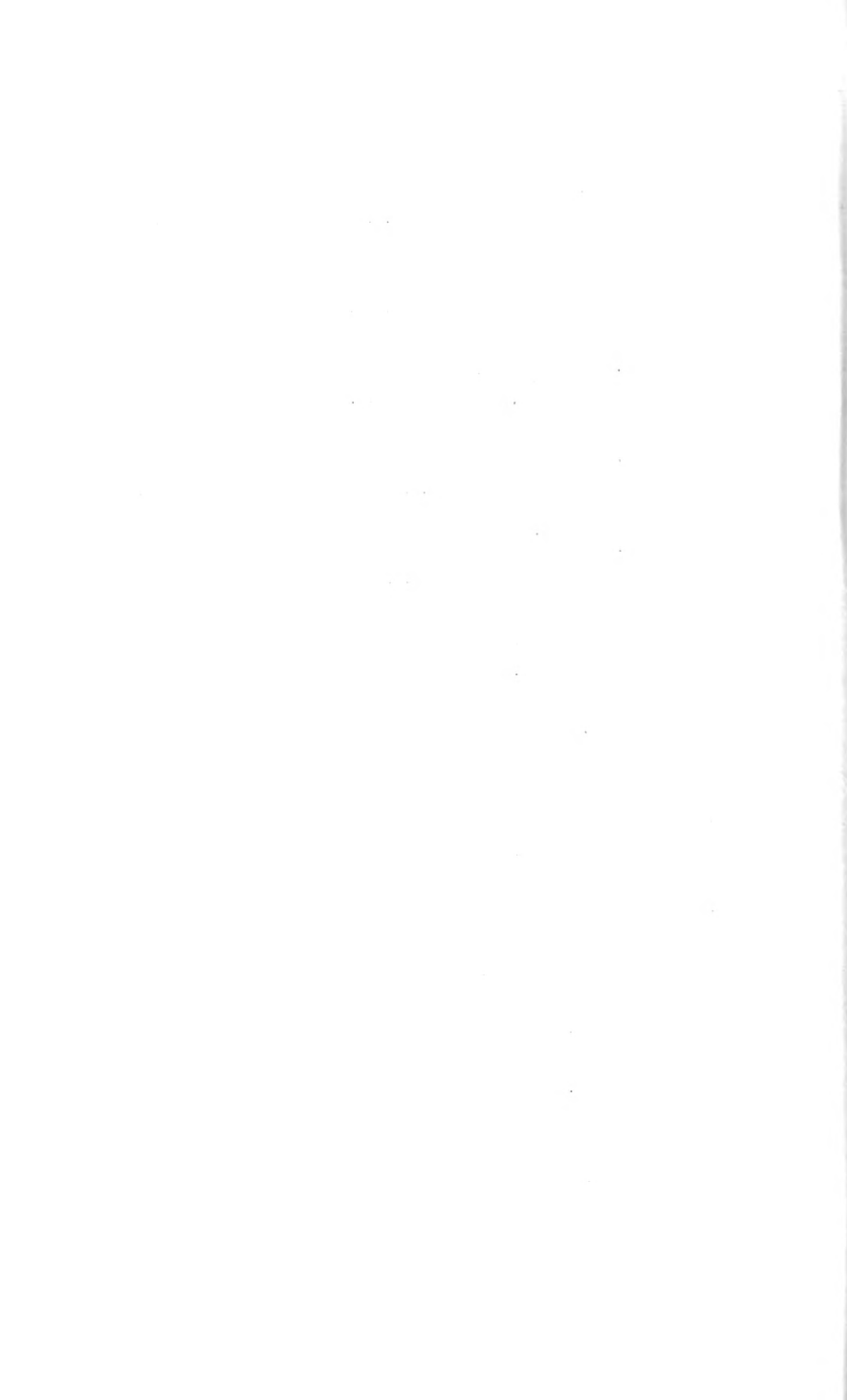




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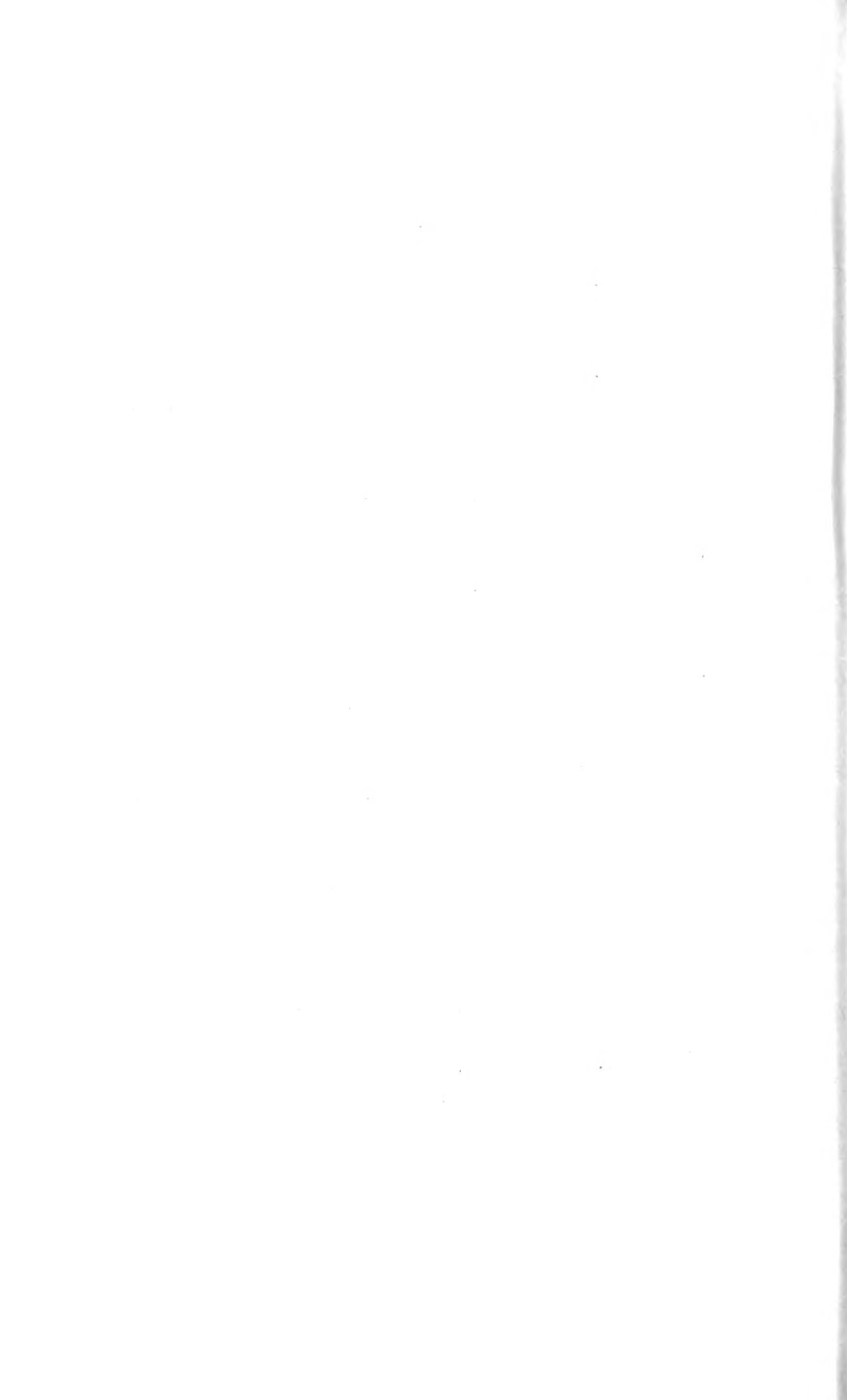
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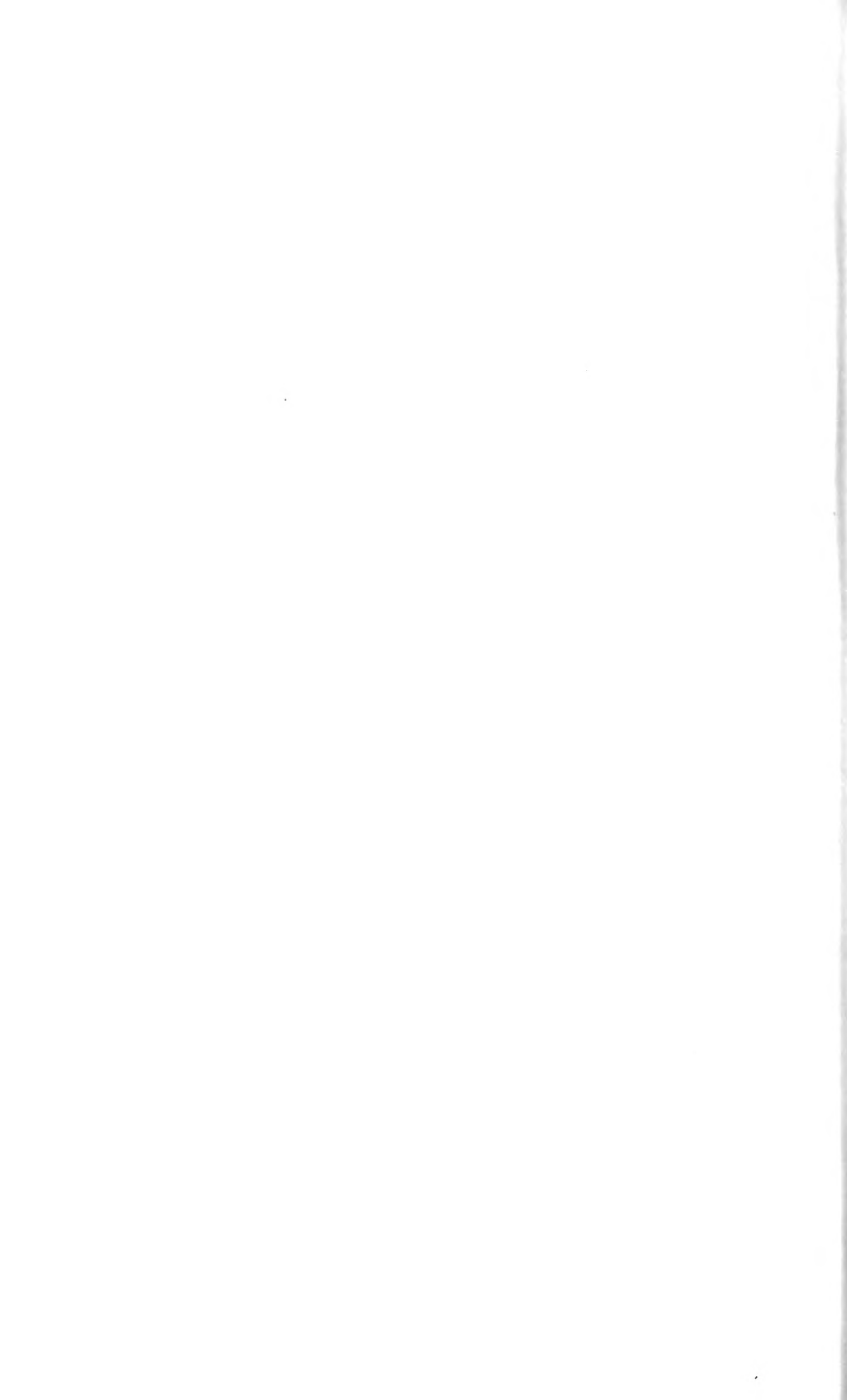
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July 30, 1954

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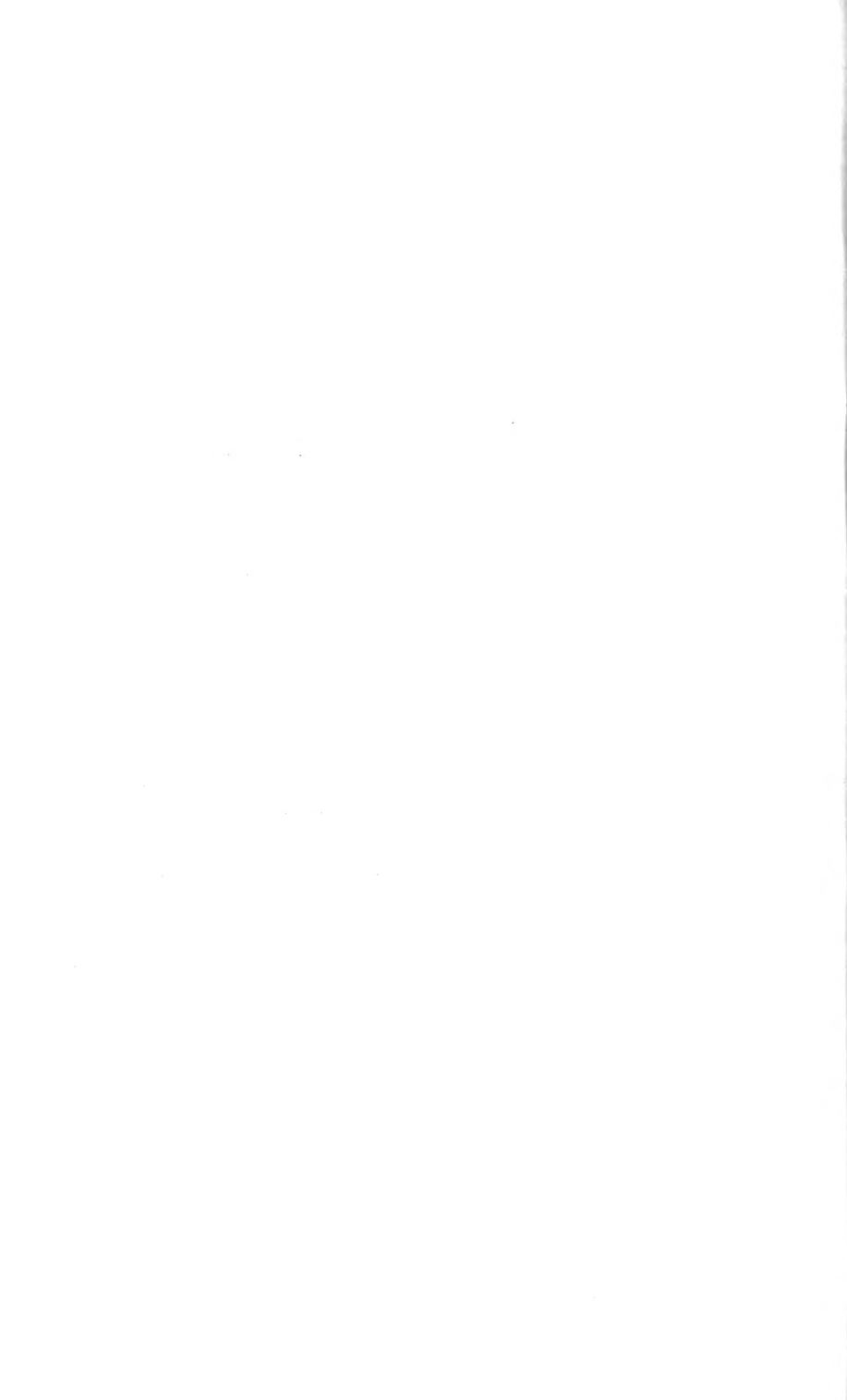
Catholic Central High School
6565 West Outer Drive
Detroit 35, Michigan
July 30, 1954

Dear Father,

I was sort of expecting you to drop me a note but I didn't expect it from Montreal. I thought for sure that you would be working hard at the new Library. I'm expecting to see it all completed when I come up on the 23rd of August. After holidays I'm planning to take a week at the Island. Although I'm not trying to outdo you, I expect to be in Montreal a week from tomorrow on holidays and then plan on going to Quebec to Ste. Anne's and to Our Lady of the Cape.

School finishes here next Friday the 6th of August; I'm not wasting any time getting out of this swelter-box for I plan to leave for home the afternoon school ends. Detroit right now is really hot.

Lest you think I have been slack in my observations around the city of Detroit I have already been over to Windsor to see Assumption College which I have never seen before and to the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak. But most important of all, I was taken on



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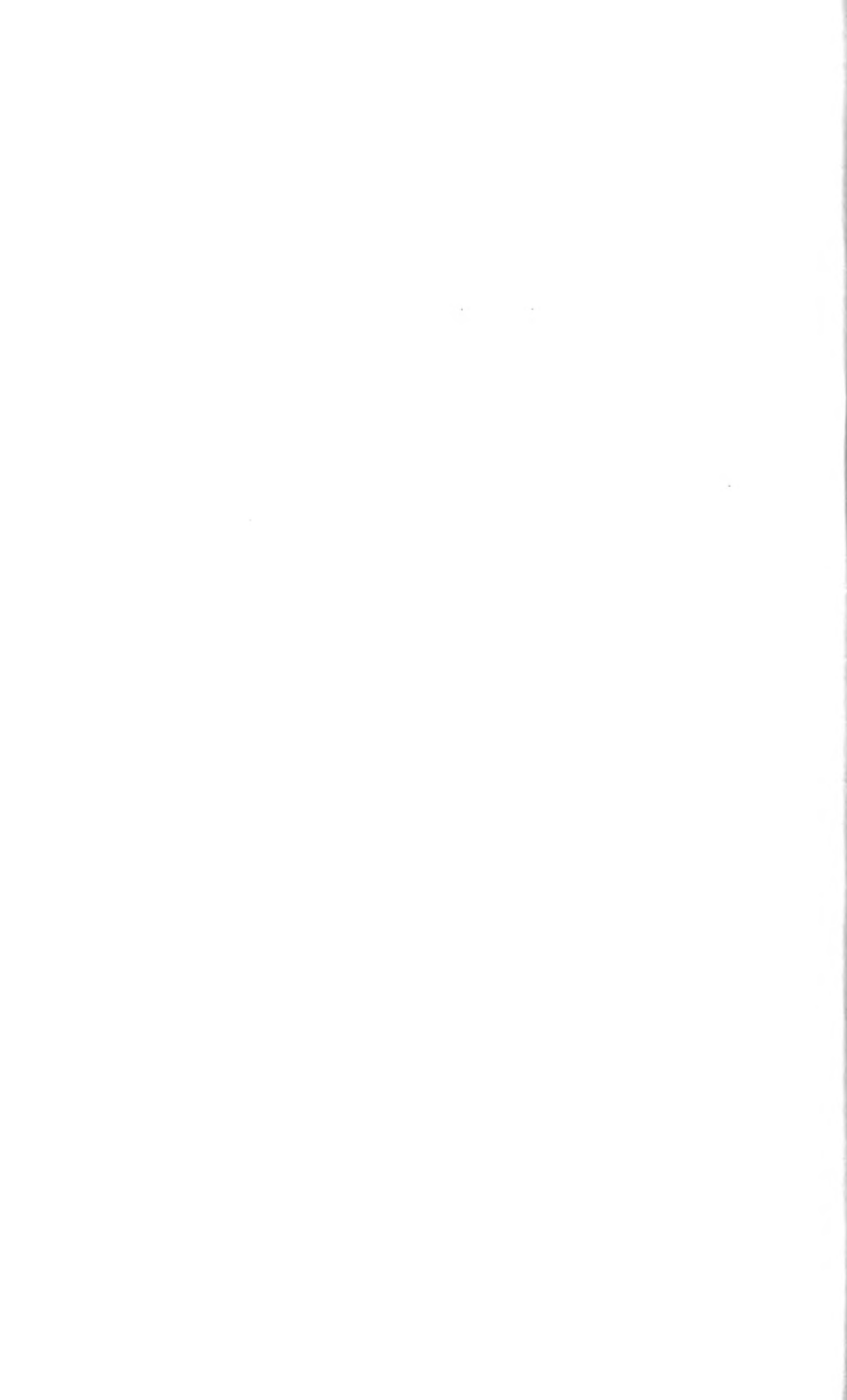
I'm really hoping to get to the Island, so if I do, then I expect to see you and of course, (the new Library all complete!!!!!!??).

As ever,

Harry

P.S. Congratulations on your new roles in the Basilian Fathers. The libraries will really flourish now!!

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December 4, 1954

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CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
Basilian Fathers
6565 West Outer Drive
Detroit 35, Michigan
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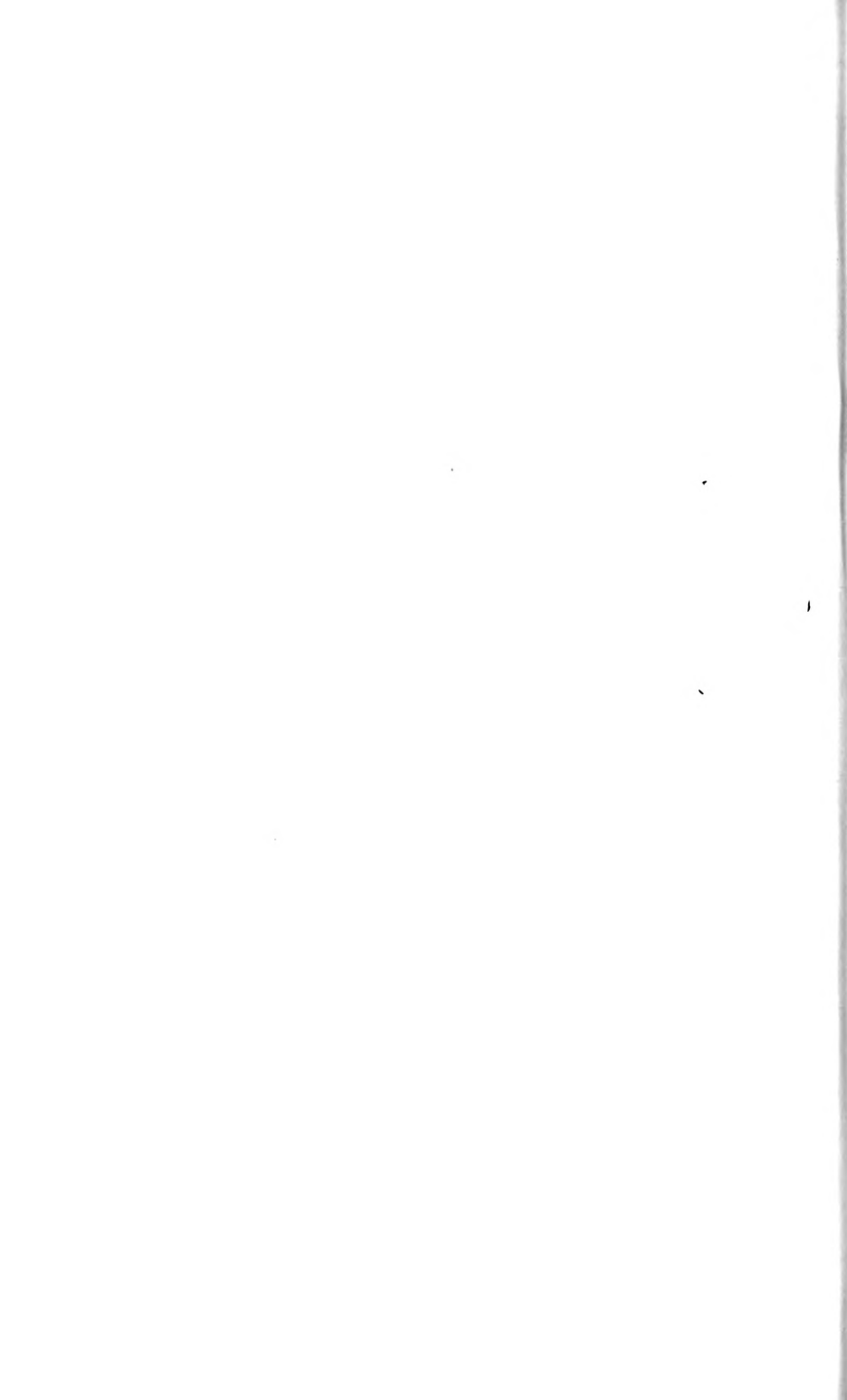
Dear Father Scollard:

Many thanks for returning the photographs of the school and residence to me. They arrived about ten days ago.

Before I begin, I would like to tell you now much I admire the work of Art Roberts on this year's Seminary Christmas cards. It is a very nice card and he is to be commended.

The Annals arrived in good condition along with mine under separate cover. Compliments are in store for your work on this yearly publication. I especially like the color you chose for the cover this year.

I have had little spare time as you might suppose since I arrived in Detroit and even less since the departure of Dick Elmer from the office staff at the school. The office work keeps me hopping. Ther records were in great need of attention since much of it was let go because of the lack of office staff. Since August, I have completed the permanent record cards for the last two graduating



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December 4, 1954

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classes as well as sending out transcripts of credits for all requests. Believe me that is a big job. Right now, I am in the midst of completing all student's transcripts who have left Catholic Central before graduation since 1952. I have a nice start on them. One thing lacking here is office space. As you probably know, we have four offices in one of the future (?) classrooms. It hardly provides enough space for files let alone working space. I expect by Christmas that I will have everything caught up to date so that, if the occasion arises, I'll be able to attend the Christmas conferences in Toronto. I've got my fingers crossed; however that rests in the hands of Fr. <Bernard> Regan.

Right now, I seem to be in a rut as far as teaching is concerned. Some days everything goes well, but many problems arise that I would never dream of. If I have ever developed any degree of patience, I certainly have exhausted that supply now. I hope to get re-charged!! over the Christmas holidays.

I have written to Wayne for catalogues for Library School. I am having them send one directly to you and one to me (that is if they have one). I will be able to tell you better at the end of the year whether Library School still holds any interest for me. At present



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December 4, 1954

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I say: "they certainly do" but certainly the idea of five or six summers at Library school doesn't. After going to school last summer and during the year at nights now, and still looking forward (?) to next summer's session, that is a hard bargain, Fr.Scollard!

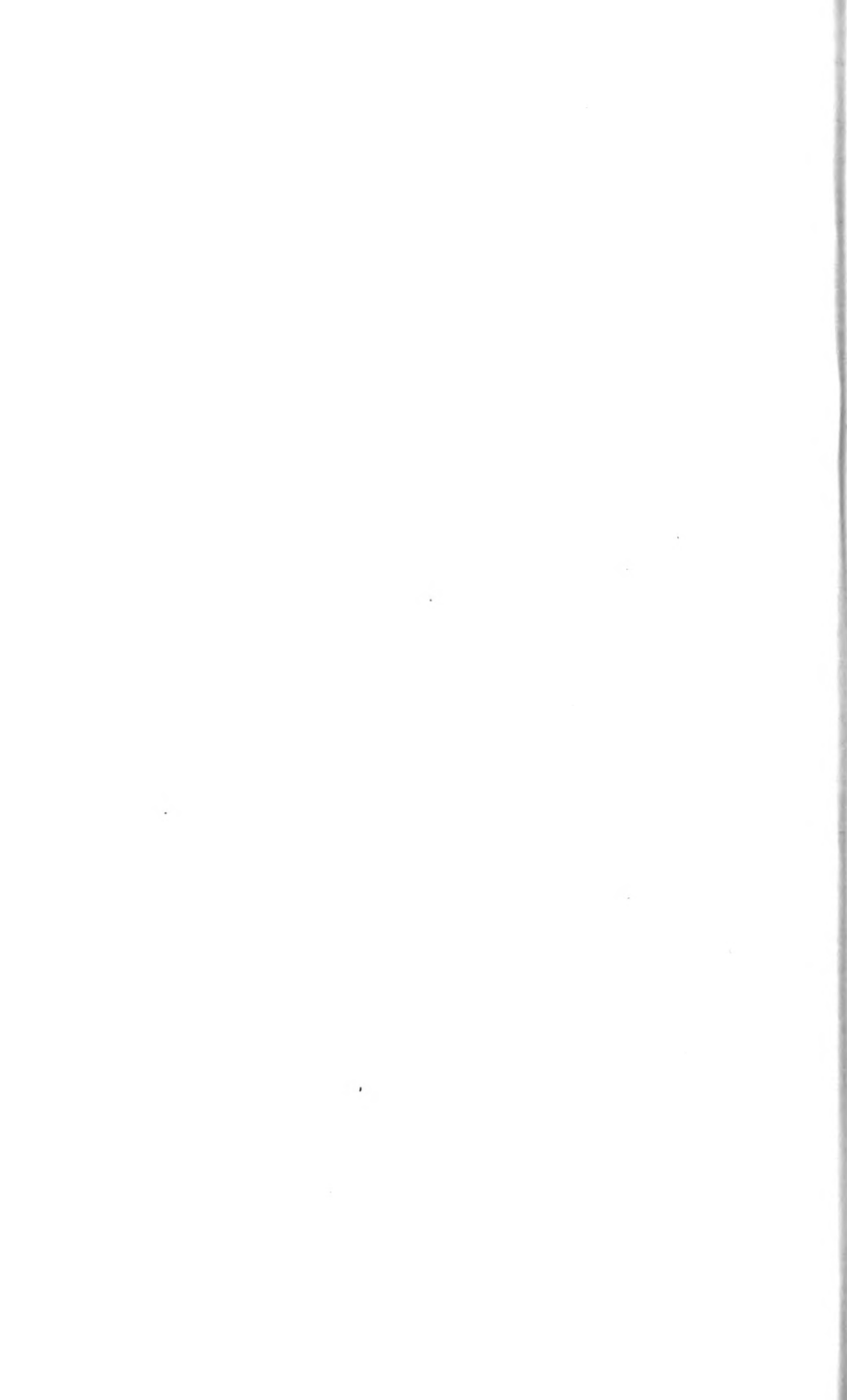
Your letter arrived the day after Thanksgiving so your idea about my going over to Assumption during that period was out. If I ever do get caught up in the office, I shall certainly try my best to get over there. I expect that I will have an opportunity to visit Wayne's Library next term. I have to take a course down there one night a week next term so I'll make it a point to drop in.

I hope that Bernie Black is better and out of the hospital by this time. Please tell him that I was asking for him. Give my regards to all the confreres. I certainly would love to get up to Toronto for a few days during the Christmas holidays for those conferences. In the event that I don't perhaps you can find some reason for coming down.

Write in your spare moments (?) I always enjoy getting first hand information from the "big house".

Ut semper,

Harry



Vincent J. Fullerton
October 9, 1954

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Basilian Fathers
402 Augustine Street
Rochester 13, N.Y.
Oct 9/54.

Dear Bob-

Sorry this has been so long coming.
There are no recent deaths that I can think of to add. On the list of school appointments that I sent there are two changes to be made. Father Butler is Moderator of the Men's Club and Father Ed. O'Reilly is Assistant Athletic Director.

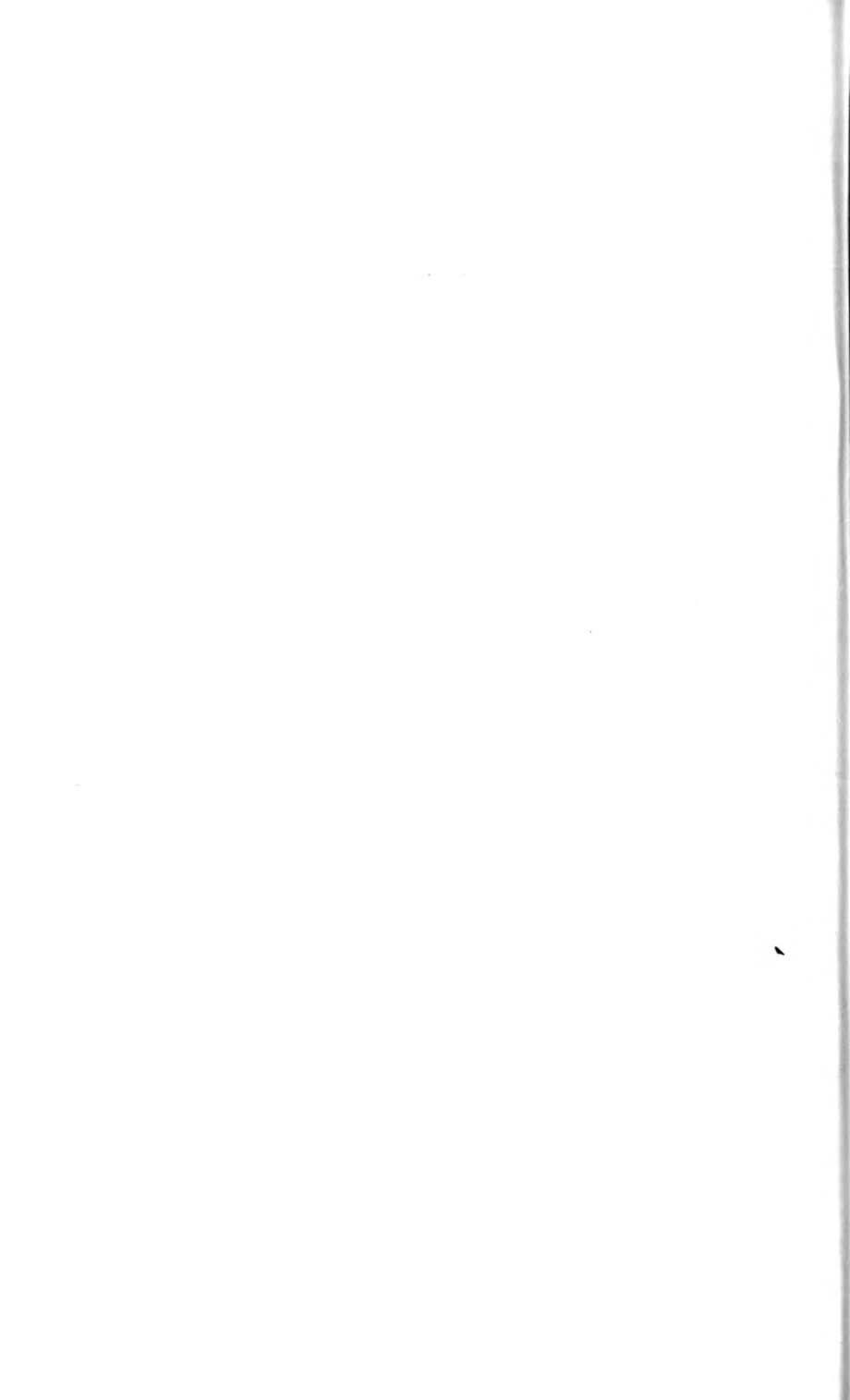
As to local news of interest.

1) The new football coach is Stan Zadel who played at St. Bonaventure's. Coached last year at Cardinal Mindzenty High in Dunkirk, N.Y.

2) During the year the scholastics finished installing sound proof ceilings on second and third floor of school. The first floor was done the year previous. It has been a wonderful help.

3) During the past year the students sold over \$80,000 in magazine subscriptions during magazine drive in October.

4) During year students raised approximately \$27,000 for Missions.



Vincent J. Fullerton
October 9, 1954

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Bishop Lane, Superior General of Maryknoll was guest speaker at final Mission Assembly in June.

That is all I can think of Bob. Hope you are well. Frank Sheahan came here on Monday and seems to have improved quite a bit since his arrival. He is saying Mass and so far is teaching two periods a day.

Vin

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Vincent A. Thomson
October 26, 1954

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St. Michael's Hospital
Lethbridge, Alberta
Oct. 26, 1954.

Dear Bob,

Thanks for your notices re deaths of parents of Basilians. There has been many of such this year.

I have little news worthy of comment. After three Sundays of services and four weeks of pounding the pavements, ringing doorbells, etc., I have a pretty good idea of the embryo parish here. (St. Mary's) About 100 families of practising Catholics. They tax the accommodation at two Sunday Masses (9 & 11) in the strikingly modernistic and finely appointed chapel of the newly opened Nursing Training School attached to this hospital. The pews therein (ahogany yet?) seat 150. Offertory collections — 1st Sunday 65.00; 2nd \$78.00; 3rd \$101.00.

I am being accorded very satisfactory living accommodations in the clerical guest suite of the hospital, meals in private dining room on main floor.

The district of the new parish is exclusively residential — all modern, fine new homes and the district is spreading rapidly. Some day it will be a fine parish, indeed.



Vincent A. Thomson
October 26, 1954

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St. Mike's Alumni here — Reverends
Quentin Killen (dean of Lethbridge),
Pat O'Byrne, et al. have been most
helpful and kind and courteous.

Beautiful October weather prevails,
bright & sunny every day. No trace of
rain or any form of moisture in more
than a month. And no Hurricane Hazel.

Regards

V.A. Thomson

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Vincent A. Thomson
February 24, 1955

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St. Michael's General Hospital
Lethbridge, Alberta.
Feb. 24/55.

Dear Bob,

I was very glad to get your letter, enclosing Treasurers' Report to Chapter and list of recent library additions.

I shall be glad to co-operate by trying to insert a timely plug for your proposed news-sheet, when an occasion presents itself. I feel that such a publication would provide a desired and welcome source of legitimate and interesting information for the rank and file of the community.

By the way, the Bishop of Calgary concurs in my suggestion that we designate the new parish here under the full title of its establishment — "Our Lady of the Assumption" — rather than calling it "St. Mary's". Neither the Bishop nor I was aware of the fact that for 42 years there has been a St. Mary's Church in this quite small city — an Anglican Church. (Recently, its minister tried to adopt the use of its full title — St. Mary the Virgin — but his congregation stoutly protested)

A certain amount of confusion of mail, etc. was inevitable and having had a



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February 24, 1955

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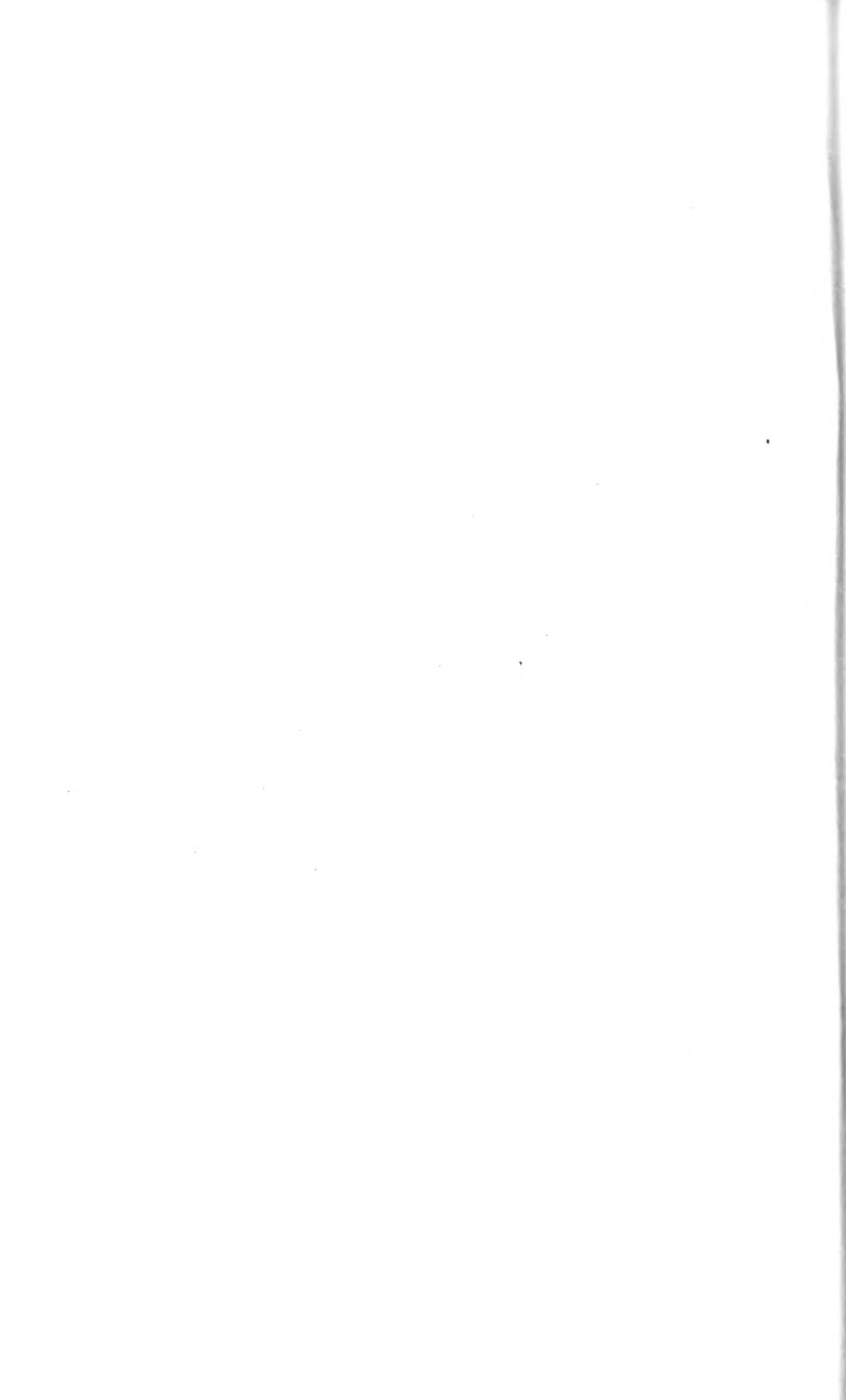
few embarrassing instances of such, all parties concerned have agreed that we eliminate the cause of confusion.

I spent a couple of days with the confreres in Calgary recently, being invited to participate (on the score of being a former Principal) at a huge trophy-awarding banquet to St. Mary's Boys' H.S. junior and senior football team champions. This was the second such annual function. A few more & Jim Whelihan will be ripe for canonization in the minds of the sports followers of Calgary. All the confreres in Calgary are well.

As ever,

V.A. Thomson.

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Vincent A. Thomson
May 11, 1955

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St. Michael's Hospital
Lethbridge, Alberta.
May 11, 1955

Dear Bob,

Thanks for your information on suggested titles about Philosophy of Education. I was up in Calgary last week and picked up, on loan, from the library of the Basilian House there, a couple of books on the subject which I think will serve the purpose.

This week I emptied the till here of our hard-earned and carefully husbanded savings of \$4,300.00 using same, plus a loan of \$2,000.00 (at 2%) from the Bishop, to purchase six lots (50' x 121') for site of future church. Now all we have to do is scabble for the necessary 30 or 40 thousand dollars required to start a building.

The confreres in Calgary are quite concerned about the impending situation there, wherein the Separate School Board feels compelled to select a site on the outer periphery of the city on which to erect a new high school building in which the Basilians would teach. The present accommodation is hopefully small for the anticipate increase of enrolment in the near future. Such a move would entail the abandonning of



Vincent A. Thomson
May 11, 1955

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the present fine residence, if the staff desires to be close to projected new school. They don't take kindly to the thought of travelling by station wagon, etc. to future scene of daily toil. They have unhappy impressions of Catholic Central's interlude with the Orange Crate.

Regards to all the confreres,

V.A. Thomson, CSB

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October 8, 1955

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Our Lady of the Assumption Church
Lethbridge, Alta.
c/o St. Michael's Hospital
October 8, 1955

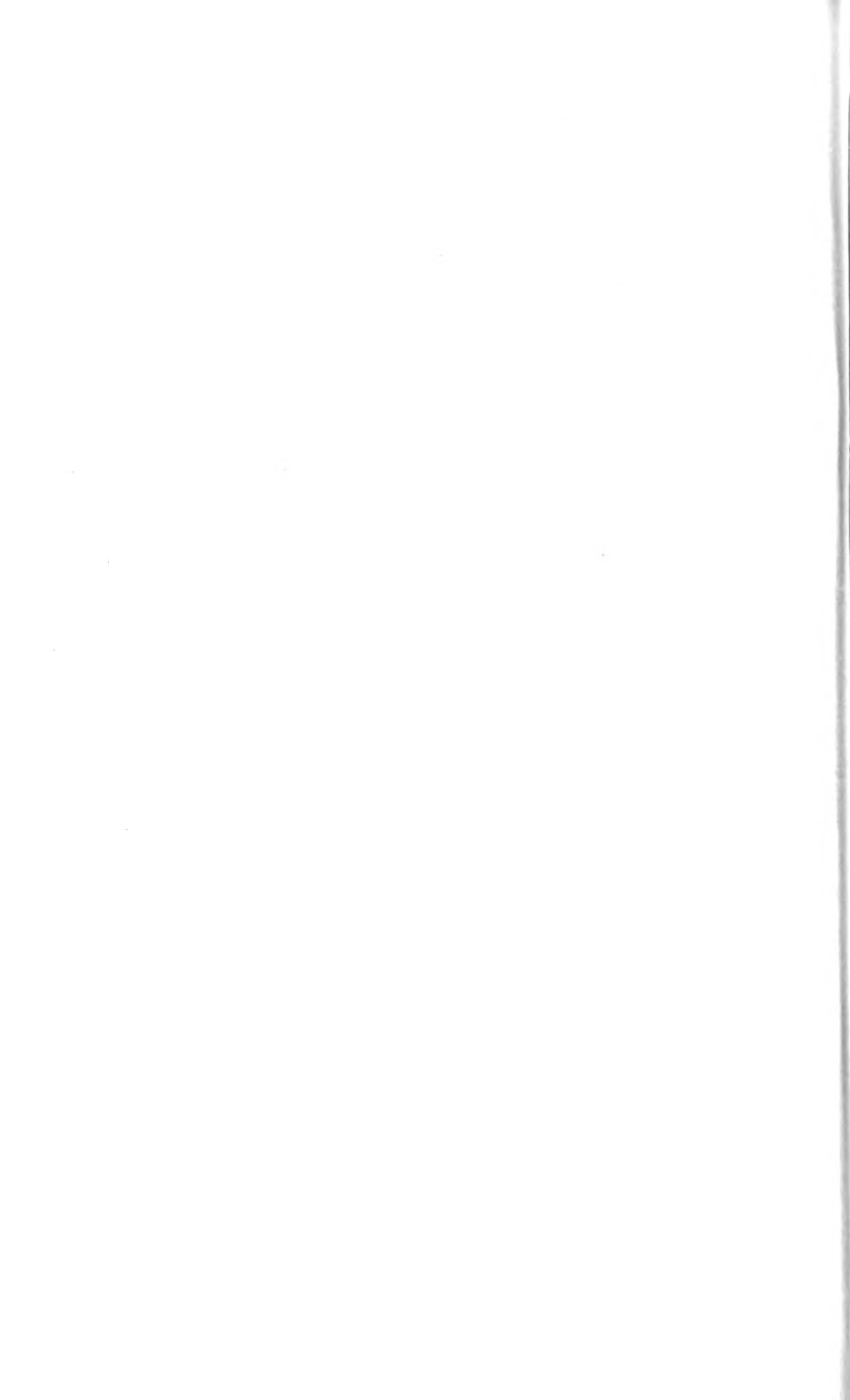
Dear Bob,

Last Sunday, October 2nd, Cardinal McGuigan was in these parts, at Calgary, celebrating an evening Mass as part of the Church's observance of the Province's Jubilee. Huge thing (for the West), the largest assemblage of Catholics for any function held in the West — 10,000 people. It was an impressive occasion.

Re items for the forthcoming issue of the Annals, — Hours of Sunday Masses here — 8, 19:30 and 11. (We have to have three Masses, for the chapel accommodates no more than 150 people.

Number of families in parish: 158 practising, 31 nominal - 189 families.

Last May a good site for future church was acquired, on a main thoroughfare more or less in the centre of a rapidly developing residential district. The site consists of six lots of 50' frontage each, composing a block of frontage with depth of 123 running back to al lane. Cost: \$5,384.50. This does not include future cost of \$10.00 per frontage foot when utilities (sewers, etc. are installed).



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October 8, 1955

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My present phone number is: Lethbridge
3131.

Hoep that Dan Corrigan, H. Haffey, and
all the walking wounded, are feeling
chipper.

Regards,

V.A. Thomson, CSB

P.S. Please thank Rev.D. Furlong, CSB,
for his kindness in forwarding a
pair of trousers for me.

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Robert W. Crooker
November 5, 1954

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<Rome, Italy>
5 November 1954

Dear Fr. Scollard,

Here are the ordos for the octave of St. Basil for two more years; you will note that they are already in English, and are less detailed than the Toronto ordo, containing only such information as would be required by the (hypothetical) average Basilian; thus they will probably require less "translation" for the Annals than did my last contribution (which, by the way, I hope to see in print soon, not for its own sake, but for what will be contained within the same binding). I have not yet taken any steps to obtain the proper lessons for the octave from the S. Congregation of Rites, but shall do so when I have learned my way around a little better; when I do get the necessary material, do you think the General Council would be interested in having supplements printed? I think Marietti would do it for us at moderate expense, but you might feel them out about how much they would be willing to pay, and how many copies should be made (though for the latter question, unless I am entirely mistaken about relative costs of different numbers of copies, it would probably be quite practical to get 1000 copies at once, which should last us indefinitely)



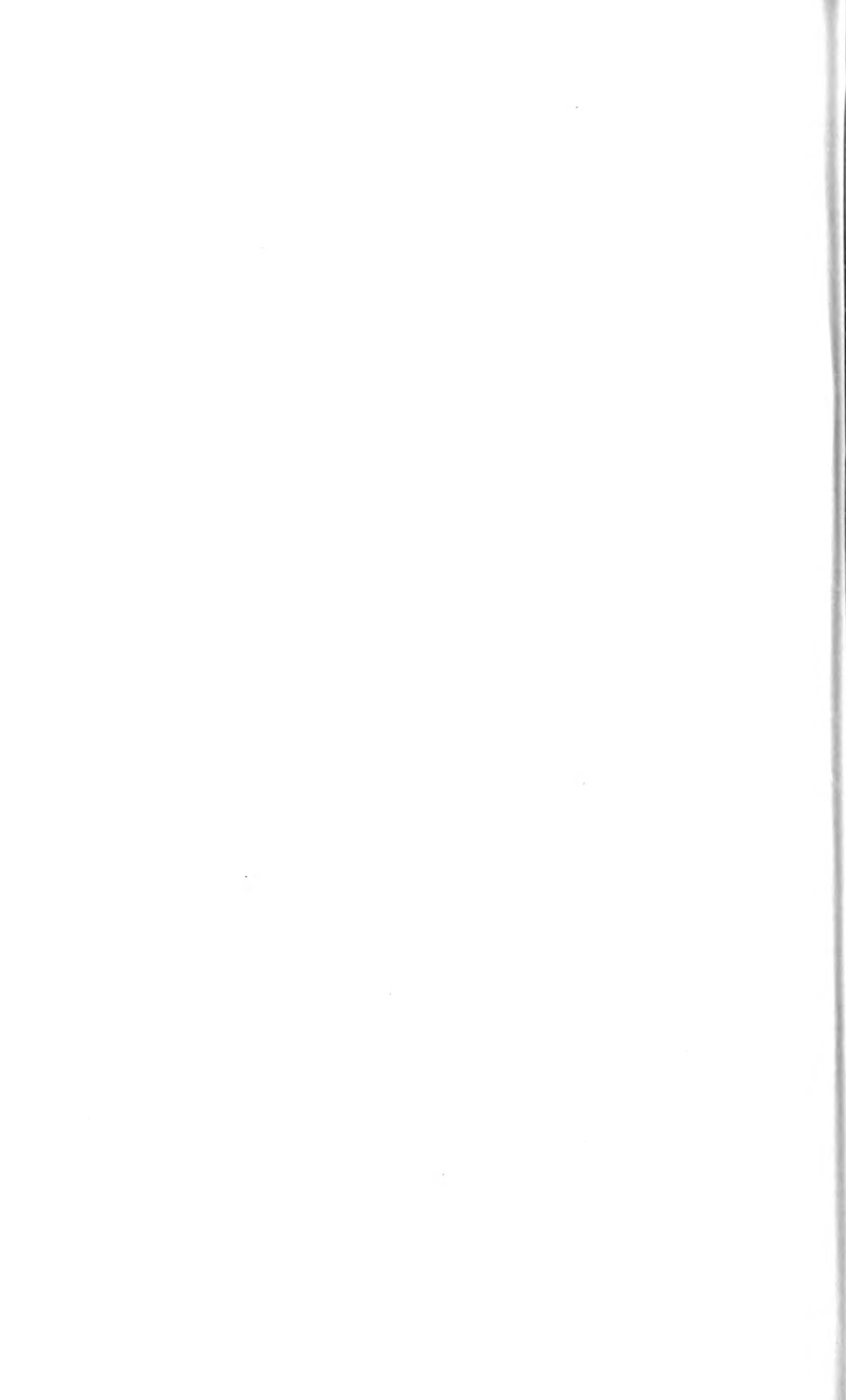
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I think a trip to Rome would broaden your outlook on ceremonies, etc. As is so often the case, it seems that in this matter too Rome makes the laws, more or less as pious wishes, and then Irish and German prelates and authors proceed to apply them in other parts of the world with an altogether non-Roman thoroughness. For instance, I have not seen five churches or chapels in Rome where sancturary lamps are burned; the common practice is an electric light (which is all we have even here in "little Canada").

Thanks for the letters, and the news they contained, but there was one disturbing omission: you told us only the title of the condemned ballad "The theme is Team", thereby whetting in all three of us an acute desire to see the text. If you do not have it yourself, we feel sure that you get it for us, probably from Fr. <Paul> Donohoe or Ken Cashion.

It is not possible to get all the back issues of Periodica, as it is now in its 43rd volume, but I understand that very many issues are available, some however at considerable expense. If you simply want to start subscribing now, it is \$2.50 a year; we can get it here for less than \$1.50, but you would not have very recent issues on your shelf that way. The next time you write, you



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might let me know about how far back you would like to go, and how much you want to spend on it.

Fr. Orsini told me before I left to keep my eye out for desirable additions to the Canon Law section of the Library. Fr. Orsini's suggestion was that you get one of your slaves to make a complete list of your titles in that section, and keep me informed of additions, so that I would avoid needless duplications. For the present I am buying only what is strictly necessary, but if I knew what you had I could exercise better discretion about good and useful, but not absolutely necessary books.

Time for Examen now, so must stop. Regards to all, and please pray for us "absent brethren".

Sincerely,

Bob Crooker

P.S.: A couple of notes are enclosed, one for Fr. Coughlin and one for Fr. Malley.

Bob

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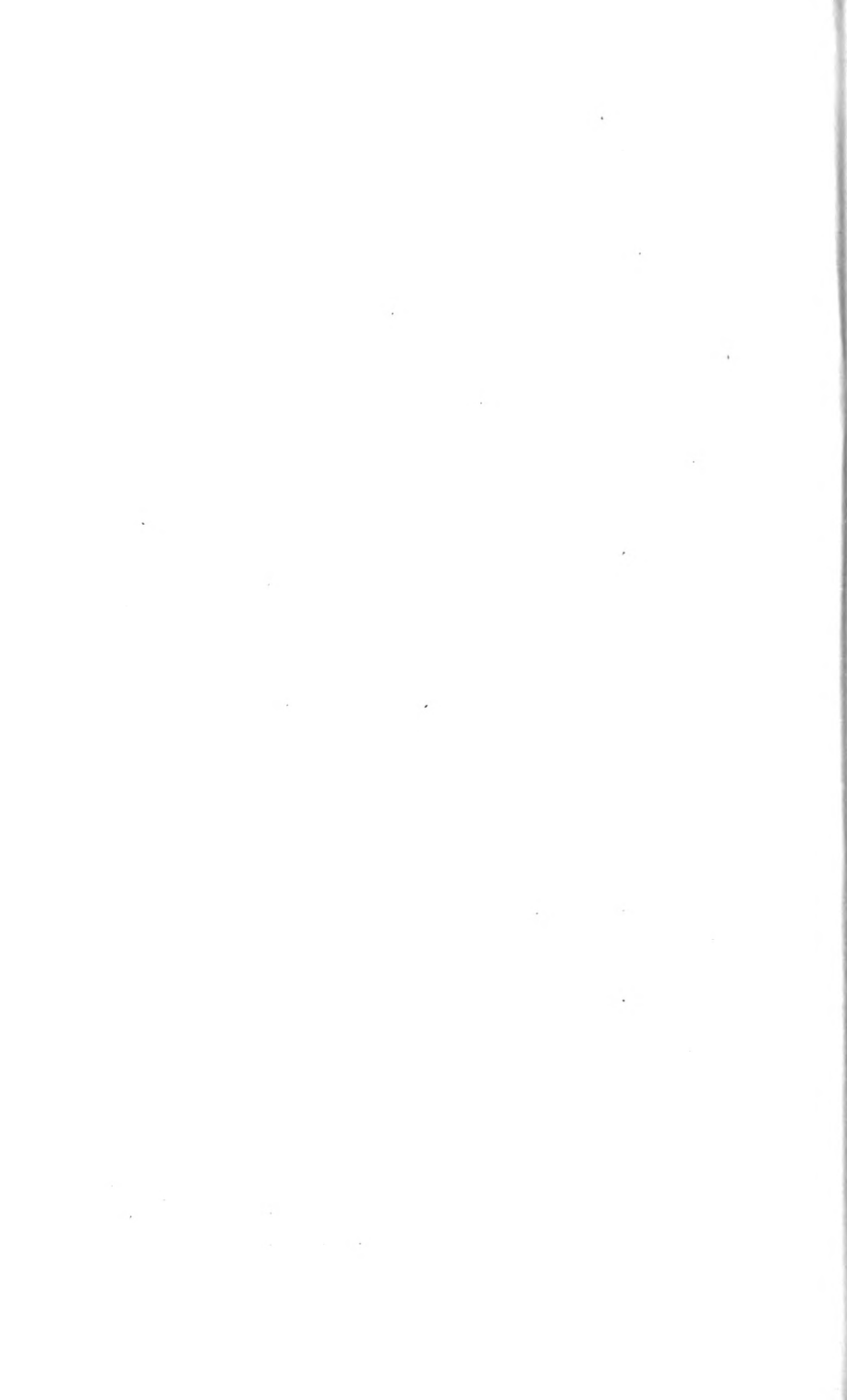
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St-Alban sous Sampzon
Monday, July 11th

Dear Father Scollard,

I'm addressing this to you rather than to Father Bondy, not out of any unwillingness to accept him as my new superior, but simply because of the certainty that you will be in Toronto while he might very likely be at the Island. By the way, if you find conditions of life too primitive at the Island, I strongly urge you to steer clear of St-Alban: the region is very nice (though I'm told that we can expect oppressively hot weather very soon now), but except for electricity this house is several years behind the Island in the introduction of modern conveniences and utilities (one other exception: we who are in double rooms have our beds separated by curtains, according to Rule No. 158, as we could not persuade Fr. Roume that this article had been abrogated by contrary custom in all our houses).

My plans for the last days of July and the first week of August are still uncertain: I'm to arrive at the London parish where I've got a job as "Vicarius substitutus" on or about August 11th, and my address there is: St. Mary's, Holly Place, London, N.W. 3.

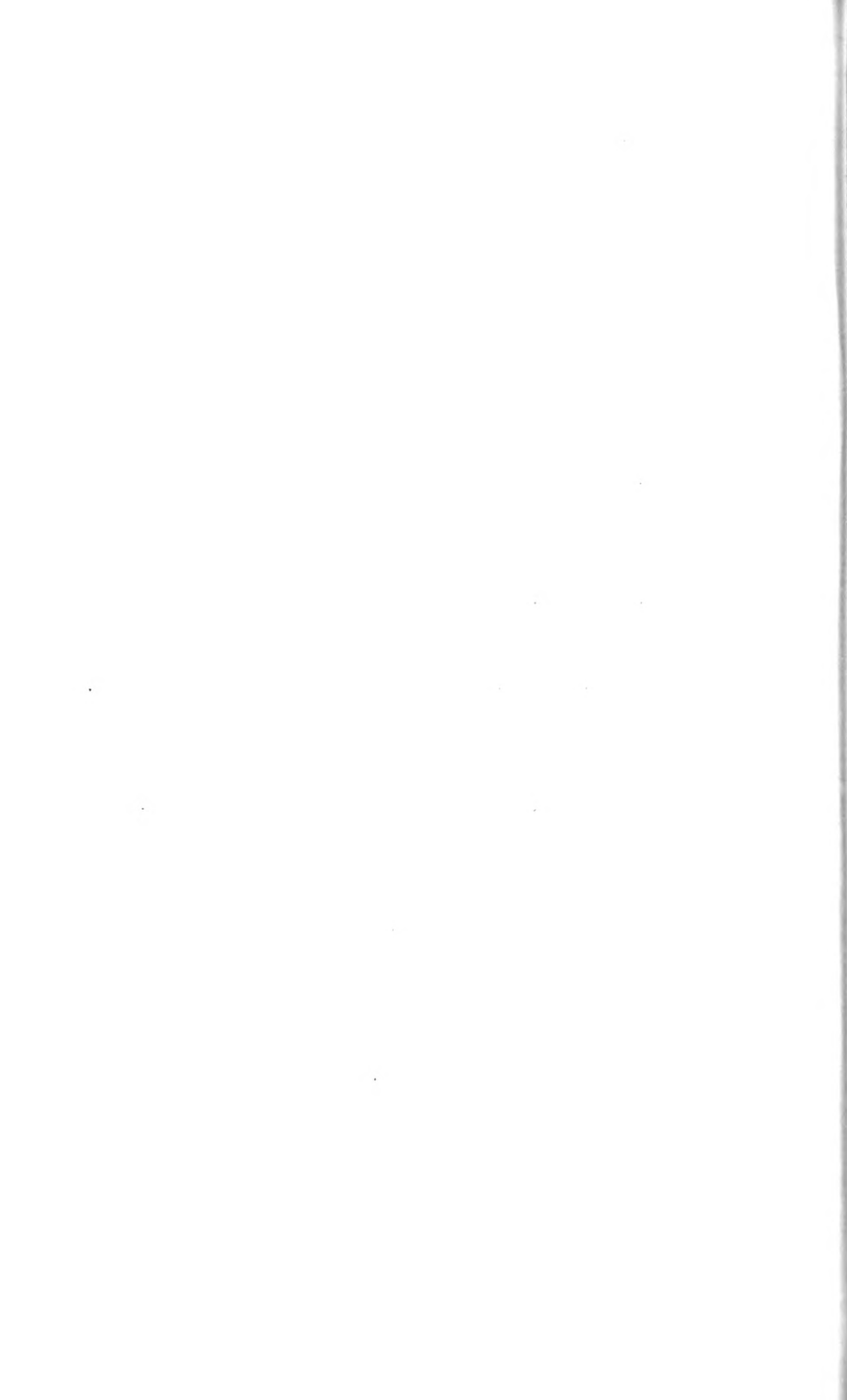


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Before that time, if anyone has occasion to write to me, any letters had best be sent to Annonay, where they will have a forwarding address. I have heard that the London Chancery is a bit strict on the proper testimonials for granting faculties; hence I wish that you would compose a document testifying that I am approved by the Community as a confessor, and have been granted the faculties of the Archdiocese of Toronto and the Diocese of Galveston (I think they expect the Community Seal on those things, too), and send it to the Pastor of the above mentioned church so that he can apply for my faculties; his name is the Rt. Rev. Joseph Canon Geraerts.

Now for a couple of financial matters: I received a cash gift of \$10 since last writing, which can go into Fr. Bondy's books as a gift to the Community and a sum drawn for expenses, or however he handles that; unless I hear differently from him, I'll assume that he doesn't wish to change Fr. Coughlin's policy of not exposing such cash to the danger of loss in the mail in order to get it physically turned in to the common pot. Secondly, I drew \$100 in May to cover travel expenses for the first part of the summer, but the trip from Rome to Annonay (via Switzerland) has already made a notable dent in that, and I fear that I'll use up the rest



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and dip into my "mergency fund" a bit before getting settled in London, as I plan to put in about a week of travel (either in western France or else in the Rhineland, I'm not sure yet) and then make a retreat in a monastery somewhere before starting my parochial duties. Hence I'd like to have another \$100 to restore the "emergency fund" and cover incidental expenses for the rest of the vacation (I'll be travelling with my parents from London back to Rome and so will not have any notable travel expenses after reaching London). I'll have to spend about \$50 for fees and books at the beginning of the academic year, but you may prefer to wait and send that to me at Rome in October; the \$100 will be needed sooner, and I'd like for it to be sent to the London address about a month from now if possible. My present list of Mass intentions will run out about the 12th of August also, so I'd appreciate finding another 60 or 65 when I arrive in London; it may be that in the parish I'll have to say Mass occasionally for local intentions there, but I don't think their stipends are too much less than ours, and I'll report the number at the end of my work there.

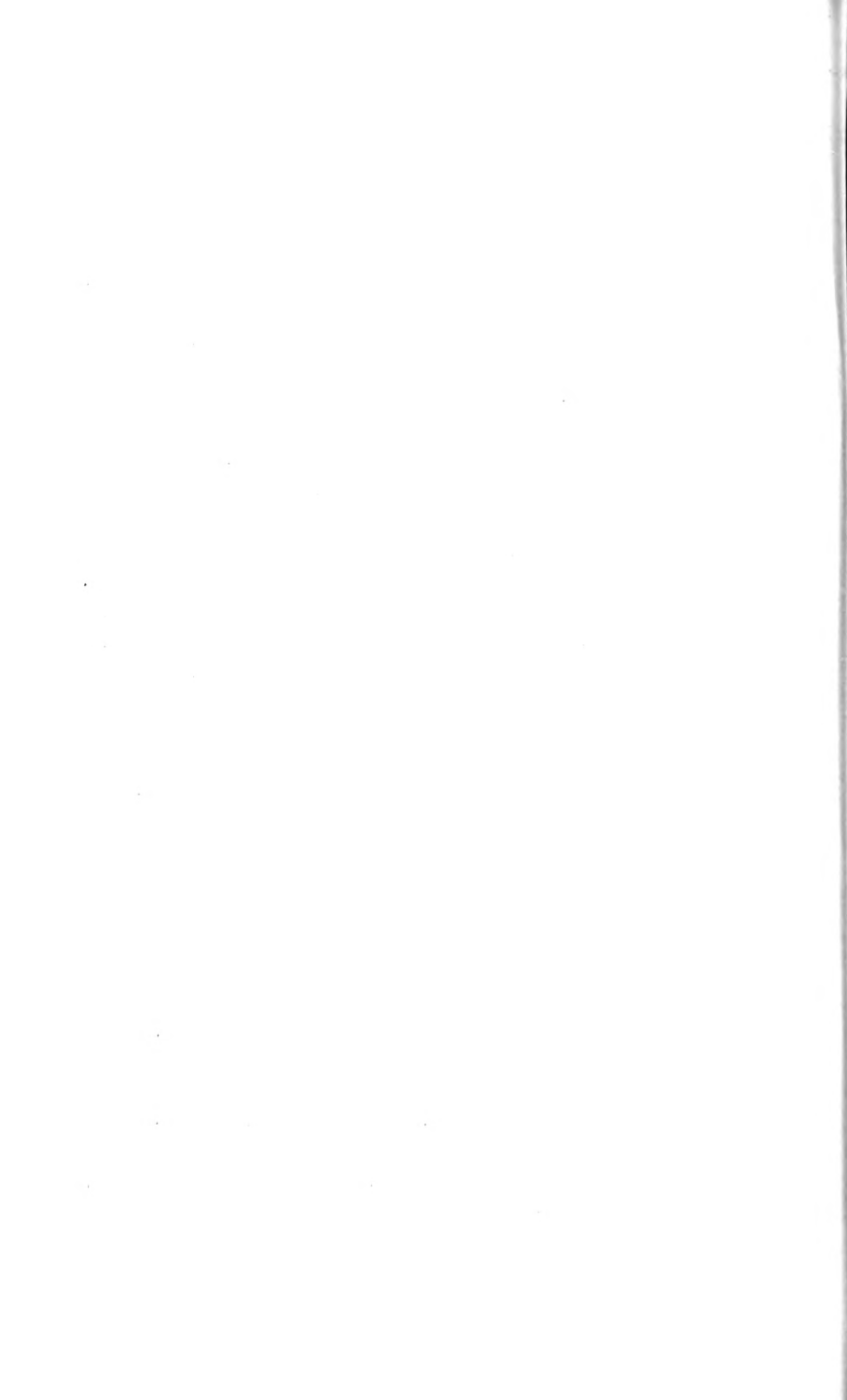
We got the appointment list on the 4th, but unfortunately none of us had remembered to bring a copy of last year's



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Annals with us, so we have probably overlooked some of the interesting changes — there were so many of them, you know! The only name we noticed as missing was that of John Miller, but perhaps there were others which we overlooked. We were a bit sorry that you did not indicate the places for graduate studies (not our own, which we presume to be as planned, but those of the other students); most of them we think we know, of course, but there were a couple about which we wondered. We'll catch up on the community news, of course, when the Annals comes out, but that is still some time off, and it's hard for you people living in the thick of things to realize how many items of common knowledge there never find their way across the Atlantic. One reaction to the list, by the way (I won't say whose reaction) was that with so many junior confreres making the local councils these days, it could be argued that our chances for advancement in the community are being impeded by keeping us out of the houses; that, of course, was intended as a joke, and was said with no intention of calling in question the abilities of Fathers Pnederkast, Malley, Montague, etc., all of whom amply compensate for their youth by their wisdom, gravity, piety, science, knowledge of men and affairs, and other estimable traits. For that

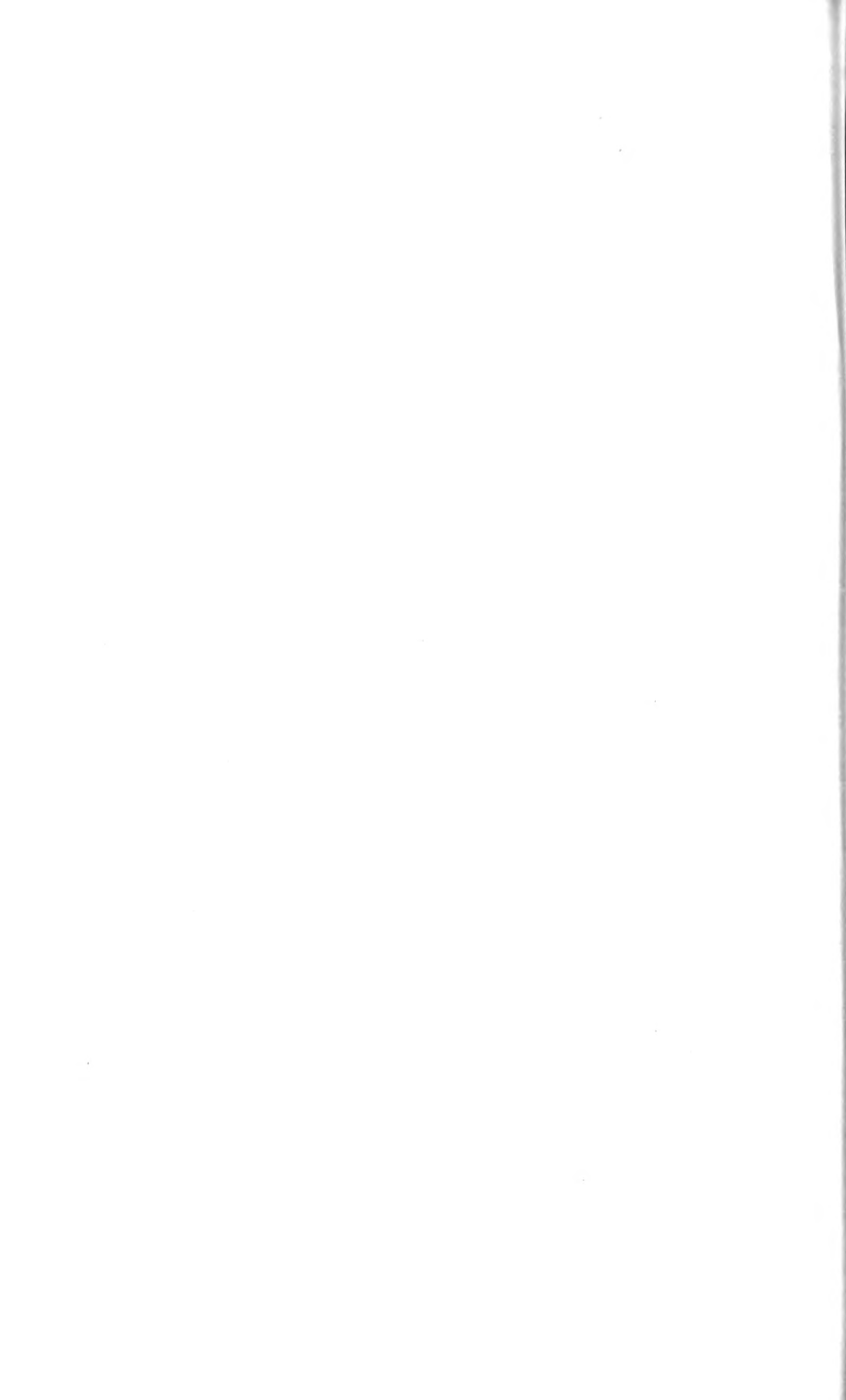


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matter, if Annonay is set up as a domus formata this year, it will be almost impossible to pick all three members of the local council from among members of more mature age, since there are only two such confreres in the group. Those of us who are "earmarked" for the seminary were a trifle uneasy over the new Bursar, but are hoping his years at Holy Rosary have improved his ideas of what constitutes a satisfactory meal; We also feel a great confidence in the Second Councillor to uphold the cause of suitable nourishment even in the Seminary refectory! (We presume that Fr. MacDonald will himself eat with the Curia, and so be tempted to view the situation with greater detachment than you would have in the matter).

Time is passing, even in St-Alban, and no doubt in busy, bustling Toronto (or even Orillia), one does not find time to read any more of such drivel. Sorry not to be able to contribute any copy for the Annals (we still have the feast of St. Basil as a double of the 1st class, but that will be only a few lines, with the octave gone); however, unlike Fr. Shook, I find myself incapable of writing a letter from Europe which could prudently and safely be published. Terry is getting an article ready for publication in the Catholic



Robert W. Crooker
July 11, 1955

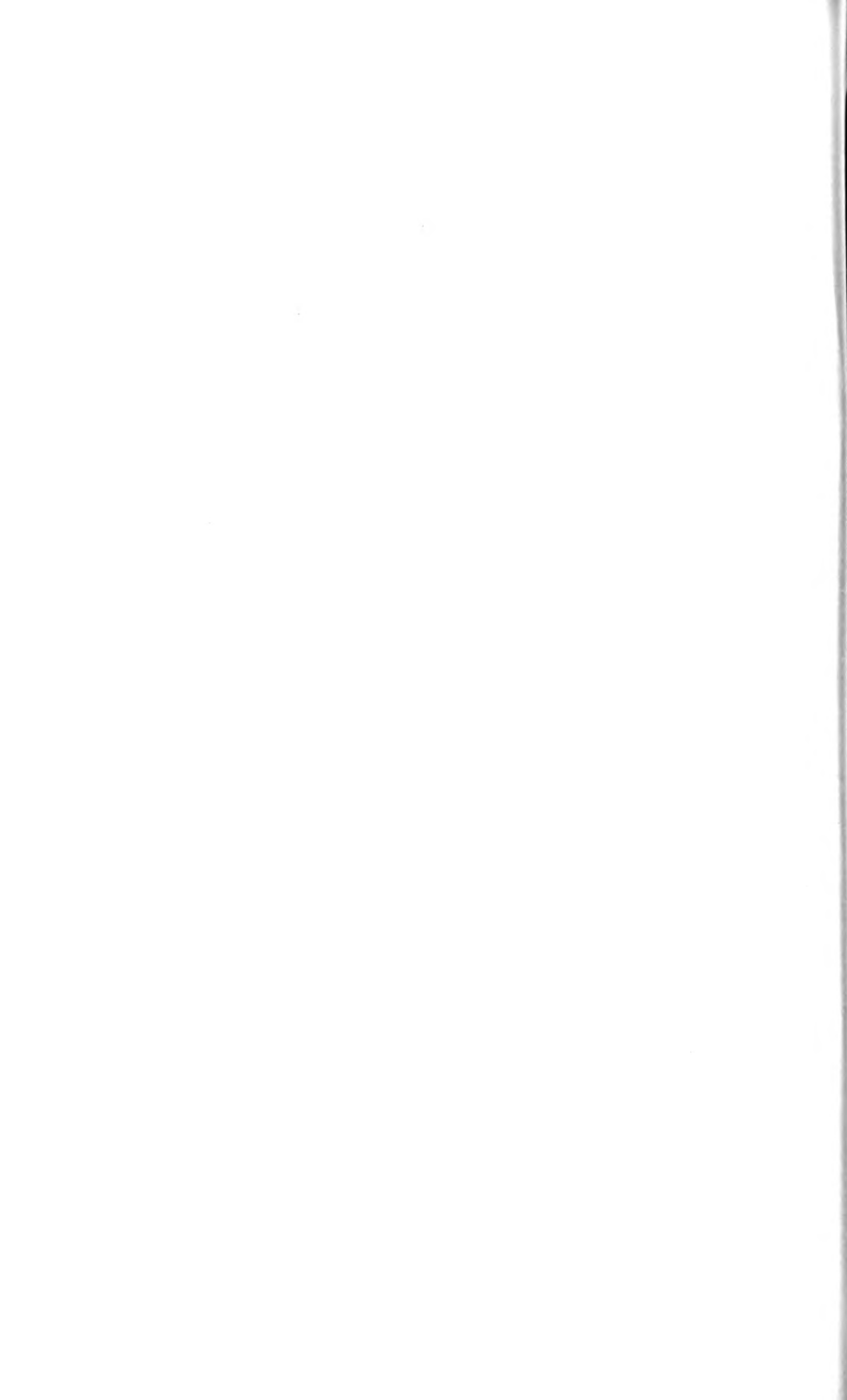
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Biblical Quarterly, as you may have known already, but otherwise we are not bearing visible fruit here. Regards to all the brethren, and please remember us in your Masses and prayers.

Sincerely,

Bob

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Peter J. Swan
January 17, 1955

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Assumption College
Windsor, Ontario
Office of the Registrar
January 17, 1955.

Dear Bob,

Father LeBel has asked me to approach you with a view to obtaining a biography of Father Carr (in brief) in order that we may propose him to our Senate as a candidate for an honorary degree. The Senate meets on January 27, so if you could send us this information before that date it would be deeply appreciated. It is the custom on such occasions to provide biographies of each person proposed.

We are hoping to honour about five or six outstanding Canadian intellectuals in various walks of life and in different parts of the country, and we hope we will be able to persuade Father Carr to come East for our third Convocation this Spring, so as to join this group.

I do hope this will not impose too heavy a burden upon you. Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,
Yours in Christ,
Peter

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Kevin J. Kirley
January 29, 1955

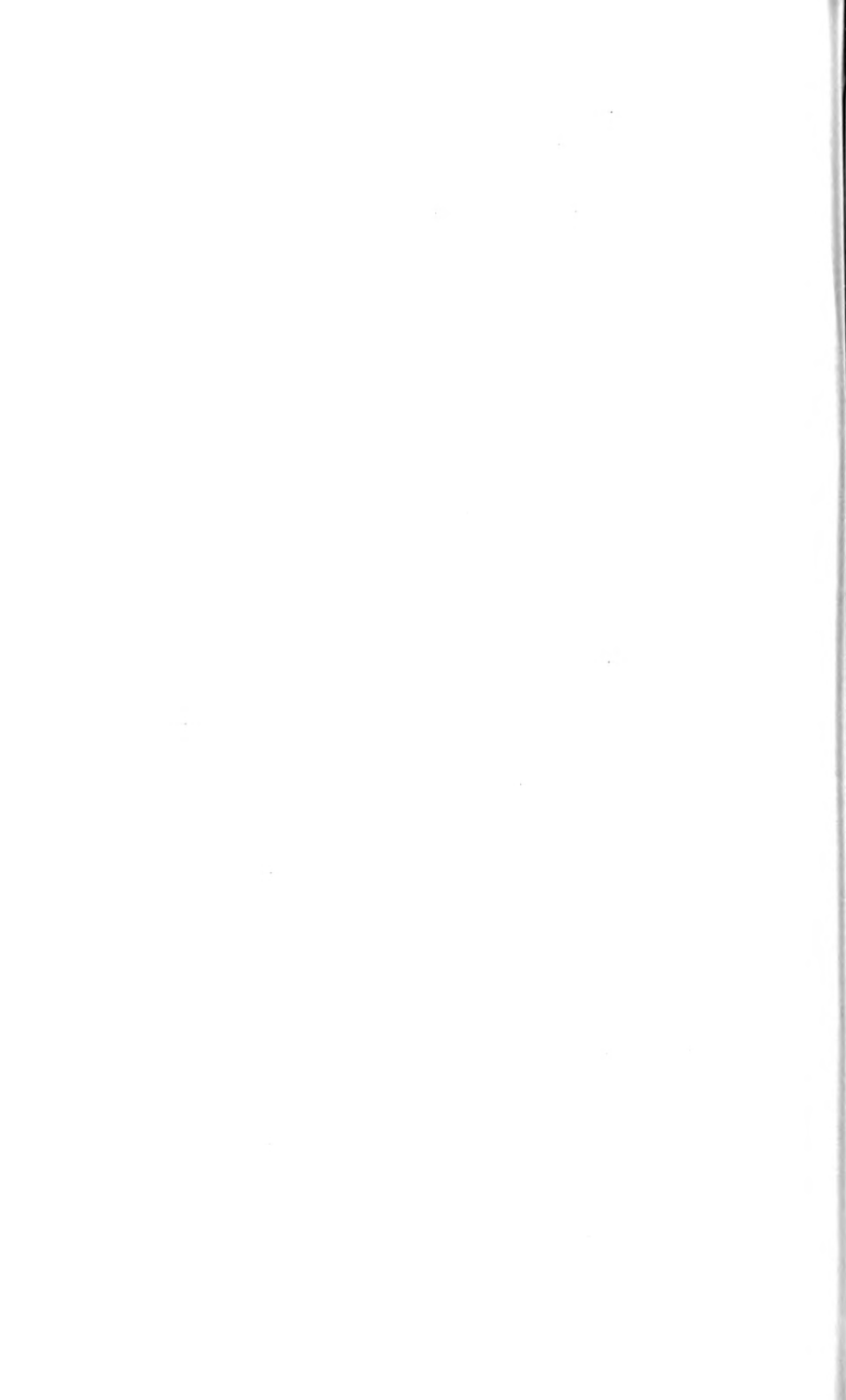
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Maison St. Joseph,
Annonay, Ardèche, France,
Saturday, January 29, 1955.

Dear Fr. Scollard,

Last Monday afternoon I sent a small package of books off to you registered by ordinary mail — 2 copies of the life of Mgr. Charbonnel that you requested earlier. Don't worry about paying for them as I took care of that, but should you wish to enter the expense into your ledger they came to 480 francs about \$1.35 plus about 36 cents for mailing. As regards the other suggestions you made I haven't found any that would be worthwhile yet in Lyon, as a matter of fact I haven't spent much time hunting, but I have the authors and titles in my wallet and will profit by a bargain or an opportunity should one cross my path or I its.

We'll be able to supply you with the volumes you lack of the Ami du Clergé, though it may take a little while before you have them on the shelf in the library. They are all bound, one year per tome, except for five years that are as yet unbound. I think we'll be able to get them done here. The transportation may present a problem as they are fairly weighty and bulky as you know. If you are not pressed my



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trunk will be able to take care of some of them; the rest we can send by mail. In any case you should have them all before the opening of the new year in September.

Life goes on about as usual here; the weeks fly by with only half in Annonay and half in Lyons. We'll be facing exams again before long. Wally seems to be quite acclimatized, though I can't persuade him to buy a beret; he draws the line there. His French has greatly improved; besides two exposées in French before the students of his philology courses he has spoken at a public conference on the state of the Church in America. I was in the audience for the latter and was tremendously proud of his capability, not only with what he had prepared beforehand, but with the answers he gave impromptu to the dozens of questions asked afterwards. Even Fr. Bondy might have nodded approval had he been there.

That was quite a sick list you gave us; here's hoping the various patients have improved since. They have our prayers for their recovery. Perhaps I told you before but my Aunt died in Lindsay shortly after New Year's, Mrs. Costello. The circumstances were rather sad. Since she had not quite been mentally normal for some months my parents had



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a nurse come during the day to look after her; but she went out of the house herself one morning while my folks were at Mass before the nurse arrived and collapsed from the cold and exhaustion some way down the street. It was disturbing for the folks, but I think they have gotten over it now. I know you will give her a memento in your prayers some time.

My confrere requested a bit of space at the bottom of the page so I will retire from the keys. Please keep us in your prayers, Father, and be assured of a continuous place in ours.

Sincerely in Christ,

Kevin

Dear Father,

Your letters are always welcome: they keep us informed. We're concerned about the sick — they are in our prayers. You never gave me an answer about Vol. 1. Amer. Eccl. Review, so I'm sending it anyway. Silence gives consent. In Christ, Wally.

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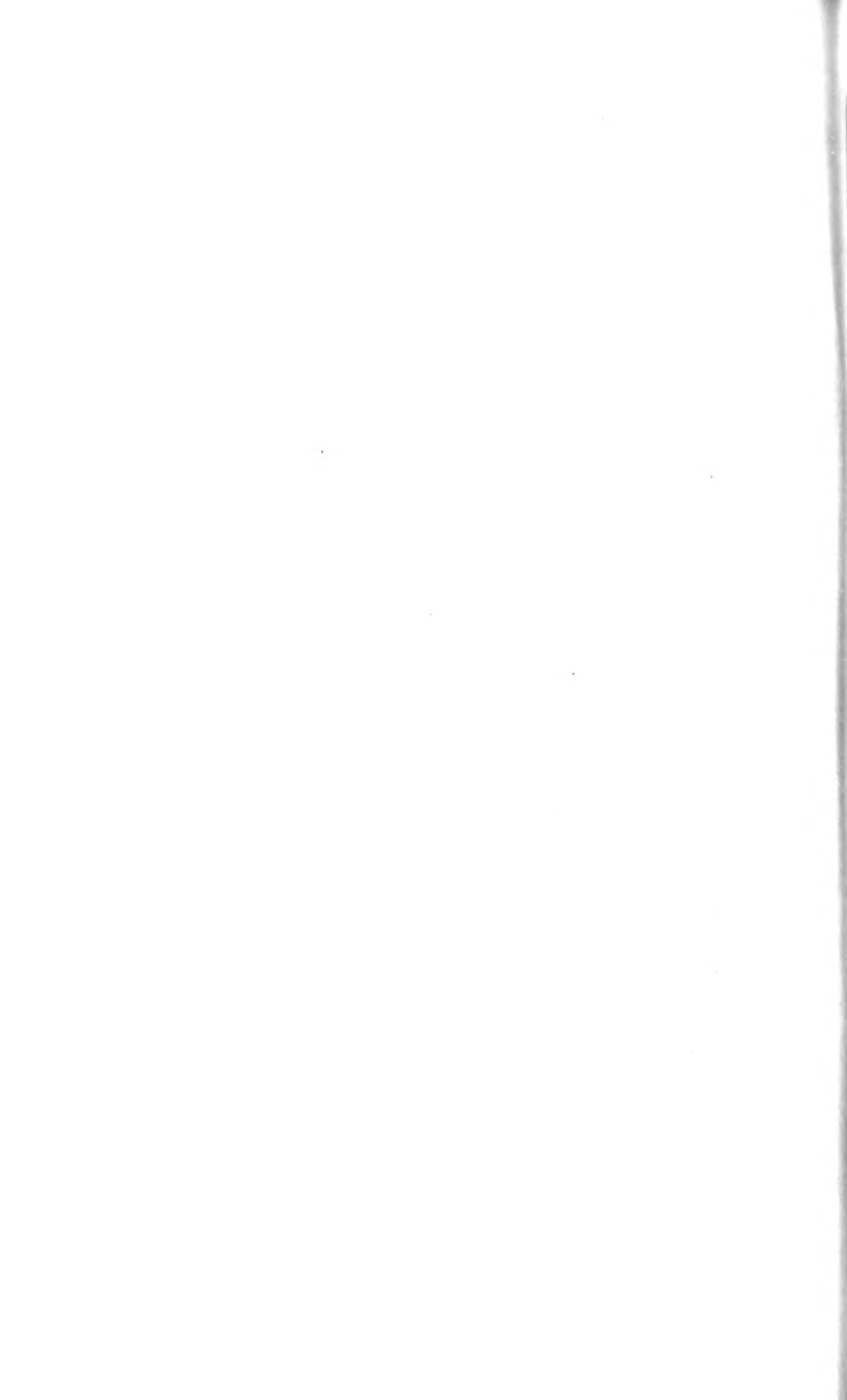
Kevin J. Kirley
October 21, 1955

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Annonay,
Fri. Oct. 21, 1955.

Dear Father Scollard,

Wally is very conveniently going down to the Post Office this afternoon and bringing with him a package of books, three copies of Dissard's Vie de Mgr. D'Aviau which you ordered some time ago. He will register them and send them on their way by ordinary mail, which means you should receive them in about two or three weeks' time, provided they have a fair crossing. I bought them over a month ago, but they stayed at the binders a long time; the hold-up always seems to be there. For your books, I mean your accounts, they cost in the neighborhood of 350 francs each, I forget exactly the price; let us say 1,000 francs for the three of them. And the binding cost 500 frs. each, i.e., 1,500. As for mailing charges they will probably come to about 100 frs; so 2,600 frs. should about cover everything. As far as I recall you sent enough money in that cheque to cover them easily, perhaps with some left over. If you have kept an account of it, I should like to know just how we stand; I must confess that I have forgotten, or better, I have neglected to keep track.



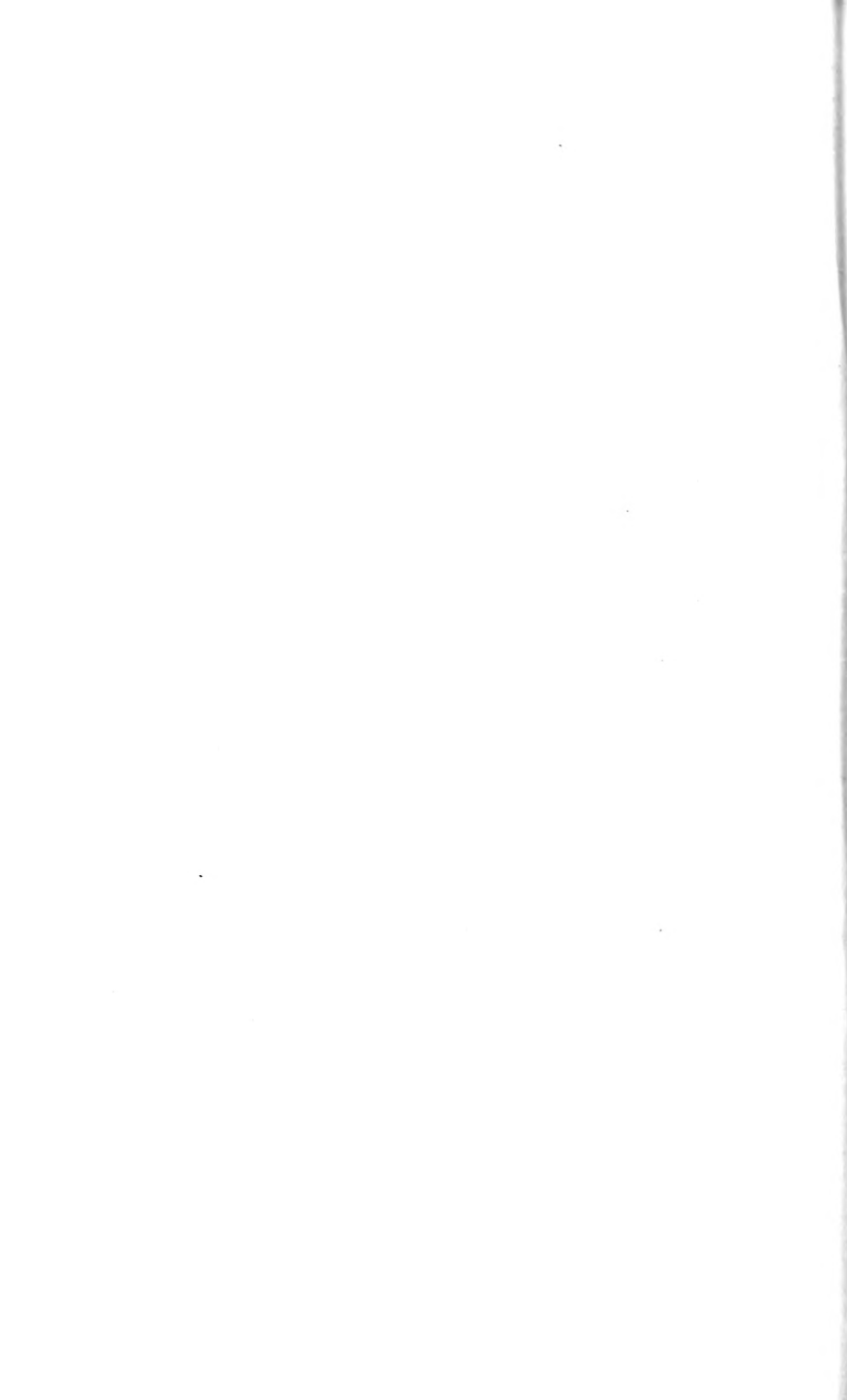
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By the way, just a note on cheques, in case you have to send others in the future. The Crédit Lyonnais bank is not so handy as a cheque made out to them can only be cashed in Paris at the Head Office and at rather inconvenient hours, and even then, only in person and with passport. If you could send money through the same bank as Fr. Bondy it would really be simpler for us.

You also asked for the Revue in which Fr. Roume's article appeared, but I'm afraid it's going to be difficult to find. Fr. Roume is keeping an eye out for it, but doesn't promise success. If we come across it though, you may be sure we will send it along.

Our two "scholastics" are on retreat just now at the Trappist abbey north of Lyon, Notre Dame des Dombes, so the Community is reduced to almost a minimum. Since Fr. Pouzol is replacing one of them to preside over the juniors there are only three of us at table, Fr. Roume, Wally and myself. Fr. Epitalon is over at St. Etienne for a few days. The rest of the Basilians live over at the Collège so it is only for spiritual exercises that we see them or by chance before or after class. Old Fr. Mazet is here, of course, but he lives pretty much a hermit's life in his room under the stairs so we



Kevin J. Kirely
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don't see very much of him, although he does come into our room now and again with a newspaper or a review or a piece of news that he has picked up on his radio.

My exam is coming up next Tuesday afternoon, and I'll not be sorry when it is over. Here's hoping it will go better than the last time. Thanks very much for the assurance of your prayers; they are precious whatever the results. I feel pretty well prepared for it now after several weeks of rather intense study, but it is of such a nature that preparation should really extend over a number of years. Our course in French Composition at the U of T is not designed to fit one for it; the Profs are much more demanding here, and naturally so, I guess, for French here is not a foreign language.

Wally is well and send his best. He showed me your letter in which you expressed some alarm at the state of my fair locks — actually, the situation is a bit grave, but not so much as the picture indicates.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

Kevin.

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J. Terence Forestell
February 23, 1955

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4 Fontane 117
Roma
February 23rd, 1955

Dear Father Scollard,

I got your letter Monday just in time, since I had intended going down to Marietti's yesterday to order the Garofalo series. I'm glad to hear you got it. That will save me the trouble. I don't feel the need of getting Priot-Clamer right away. I was interested in having one modern commentary for the preparation of my first classes and I don't think I will be able to handle more than one in the first year of teaching. You can get the Priot-Clamer for the library as your budget permits. If you like, I can ship the Bible de Jérusalem home this summer, since I shall not be taking it with me to Jerusalem. I have picked up Bonsirven: Textes rabbiniques ... pour illustrer le Nouveau Testament, Rome 1954 and shall have to get Vaganay: Le Problème Synoptique, Desclée 1954 for a course this semester, so you need not duplicate those. Desclée is also publishing a Théologie de l'Ancien Testament by Van Imshoot in two volumes. The first volume appeared last year entitled Dieu. You should add these two volumes to your list of musts. You might also add Bonsirven: Le Judaïsme Palestinien au temps de Jésus-



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February 23, 1955

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Christ, 2 vols. Paris 1935 Beauchesne. There is an abridged one-volume edition published 1950 but I would prefer the first if it is available. Also Driver, G.R.: Semitic Writing, Oxford 1954. I was glad to see you got Ptrichard's volume of pictures. I hope you will have his volume of Texts before I get back. I intend getting a personal copy of Rahlf's Septuagint. I still haven't made up my mind whether the library should get Göttingen or the Cambridge large critical edition. I am also picking up two other small volumes which you need not duplicate. Bonsirven: La Bible Apocryphe en marge de l'Ancien Testament and Vermès: Les Manuscrits du Désert de Juda. I have managed to pick up a complete second-hand set of Renié, Manuel d'Ecriture Sainte 6 vols. and also got several facsimiles of biblical and allied manuscripts which will serve for a sort of museum — they were sold at the Biblical Institute for a song. I promised Father Crossland you would make any info re books etc. available to him. It will save me writing a separate letter.

All your secretarial communications have been received with gratitude. I'm sorry I haven't got around to writing you before this. There hasn't been too much gossip in Rome since the Holy Father fooled all expectations of an early conclave by getting better.



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Ecclesiastical circles are living in hopes of a Consistory chiefly for Montini. We are expecting a C.S.B. reunion in Rome at Easter time, presided over by Father McLaughlin who will no doubt be on the high seas when you read this. The last we heard from Annonay Wally and Kevin were doing well. We haven't heard from Paris except for a short note from Leo to have a bill paid. We don't even know whether they survived the floods. I was over in Pescara on the Adriatic last week-end to look up the grave of a Canadian soldier for Father McCorkell. Apart from that, I have done nothing exciting since Christmas. Weather here these days is very dull, mostly rain. I heard that Father McCorkell was living at the Seminary now — where in the world are they putting them all? I imagine Father Corrigan will be a good addition for Spiritual Direction provided he manages to keep out of the hospital. Give my best to all and remember us in your prayers. Bob and Pete are well.

In Christ,

Terry.

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J. Terence Forestell
August 14, 1955

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17 place S. Etienne
Strasbourg, B-R.
Aug 14, 1955

Dear Father Scollard,

Just a note to let you know that Kevin and I received your notice of Father Beuglet's death before Kevin left Strasbourg. I admire the "efficiency" of the new Secretary General. Please let me know if you have received the Jerusalem Bible which I sent from Rome in June. You asked me to keep my eyes open for a set of the Revue Biblique. There is a beautifully bound set in the Canadian College library but last year's rector was very tenacious in its regard. A new rector has just been appointed & I don't know what his sentiments will be. It is really the only decent thing they have in their Scripture department & it may be hard to get it away from them. Otherwise it is a very difficult item to find. The last rector was, however, interested in getting rid of an unbound set of Migne's Cursus Scripturae Sacrae (27 vols.) which, although out-dated now, is an important monument of Catholic exegesis in the 19th century. That may find a place in your enlarged budget. I am keeping my eyes open for making some arrangement to have colour slides of the Holy Land for the Seminary.



J. Terence Forestell
August 14, 1955

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Father Stanley, S.J., in Toronto has a set and I know several priests who also have sets. Larousse also puts out some fine film strips. The new Atlas de la Bible by Grollenberg-Beaupère should be acquired. The photography in it is magnificent. Published, Paris, Bruxelles 1955 Elsevier.

That is all for the present. I hope it has been hot enough for you in Toronto. The weather here has been very pleasant. Kevin & I had a very fine trip & although it rained once or twice it never disturbed our plans.

Best wishes to all.

In Christ,

Terry.

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John A. Warren
February 24, 1955

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Department of National Defence
Royal Canadian Air Force
Summerside, P.E.I.
24 Feb 55

Dear Robert:

Must be mental telepathy. I was on the point of dropping you a line when your Chapter news and note arrived today.

Thanks for keeping me posted; now that you have the enclosed "card" you can keep me permanently on your mailing list.

It is also strange that you should send the library list — that is one of the things I was going to write about.

'Twould interest me immensely to be able to have a good book at hand, and not only me but also our Engineering Officer, a Catholic whom I taught at the West End school back in '34-'35.

This gent is looking for a way of proving to his unbelieving firends — par raison seulement — the fact that the Bible is the inspired word. If you have something in Apologetics along that line we'd appreciate it. Perhaps Jones' "Unless some man show me" would be just the thing.

Would you consider taking me on as a good riske in the role of an out-of-town



John A. Warren
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member of your library? I shall reimburse you for postage and may even gorge you with ice-cream on my next visit to Toronto. Looking over your list, methinks I should like to read:

Flood: New problems in medical ethics,
second series. 1954.

Journet: The Primacy of Peter.

Suarez: The Training of Converts.

These, plus the one mentioned above, should keep me going for several evenings.

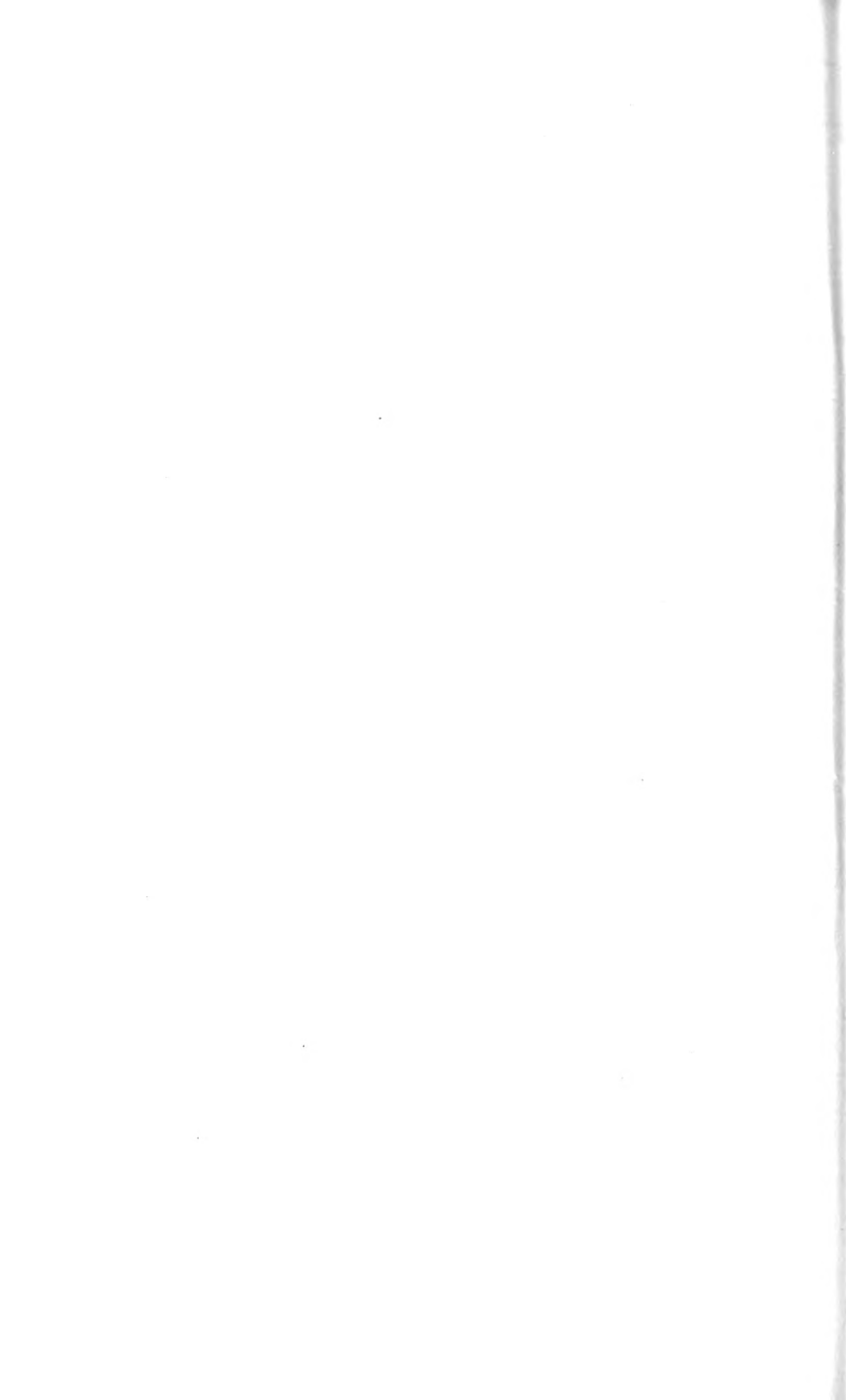
I'm starting three people for instructions immediately, which will cut into the evening hourse, but there will still be time to get an hour or so in every night. Can do? And, send along the leaflet you are preparing; one never knows where a vocation may be found.

Sincerely in Christ,

Jack W.

Am not accustomed, yet to being free of Junior Priests' exams. Ergo - hiding.

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October 24, 1956

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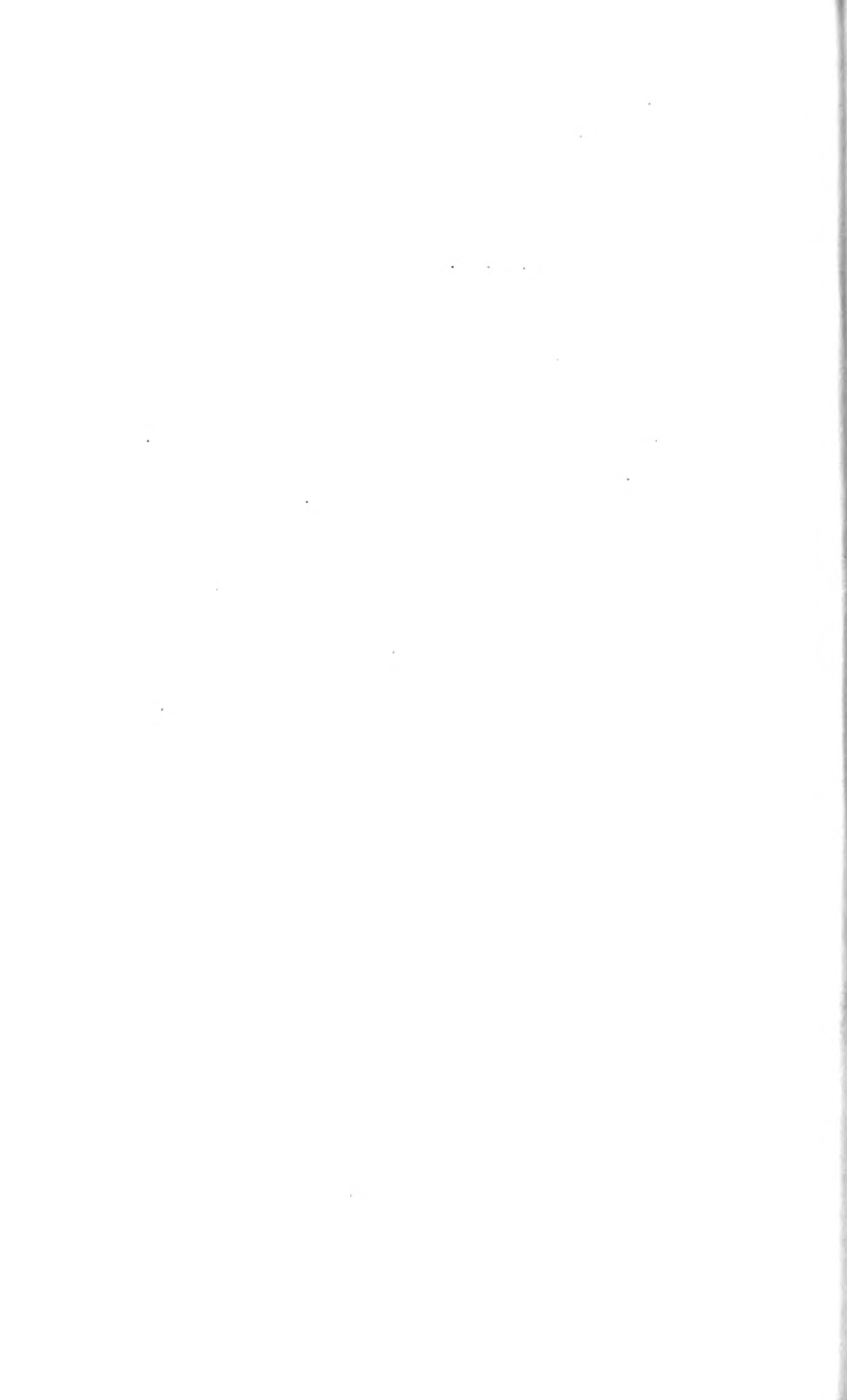
Department of National Defence
Royal Canadian Air Force
Summerside, P.E.I.
24 Oct 56

Dear Robert:

It seems the only time I write you is on occasions when I want something. However, you must admit the requests are usually within reason.

This time it is books; or perhaps I should say "again" it is books. Spiritual reading and meditation books pose quite a problem here. The nearest Catholic source of supply is in Halifax, which makes it a bit awkward. I was struck with a brilliant idea which you may or may not think so brilliant: could you pass on to me the spiritual reading book you use in the Curial House when you have finished it? I shall return it promptly. In that way I am keeping a sort of relationship with the Community.

As for a meditation book: I've been using Pusillum but don't find it too much to my liking. You may have something in the library that is not in use, or you could let me know the title and source of supply of the one being used in your community room, and I could buy same.



John A. Warren
October 24, 1956

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Things go on apace here, with the odd problem child making more work for the chaplain. The weather man has been smiling on us for a couple of weeks — real Indian summer — and it has been welcome, particularly to the construction people. The place is a beehive of activity — runways being lengthened, sidewalks and paved roads around the Station, new asbestos shingling on all the buildings and fancy signs on every building denoting what that building is. The 28" by 12" sign, with Air Force blue background and ensign, which beautifies my bungalow reads: RC Padre BB42. In case you may think the "BB" stands for something like Big-something, I'll let you know that it means Barrack Block. What with all the new construction going on we've come to believe that Station Summerside is here to stay. I hope so.

Any news from the hub of the Community (and I don't mean HPC) will be appreciated. The Basilian Teacher is a most welcome source of news.

Sincerely in Christ,

Jack W.

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Leo J. Klem
March 21, 1955

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1 rue de Jean Dolent
Paris XIVE, France
March 21

Dear Bob,

I hope you won't be thinking I am ungrateful or not appreciative of your numerous and interesting letters since my departure by the fact that my answers have been rare and brief. Each of your letters has meant a lot to me, bringing an aroma of home into our foreign domicile. But I guess you know how easily one can let the time slip without writing, and I feel I have been guilty of this neglect in your regard. I hope all the books I've ordered or sent have arrived safely. As far as I can tell, I'm just about at the end of the list, one or two more should be coming from Boussac — the one on Hugo for Fr. Bondy. I myself have mailed three bundles of things I purchased and shall send on the rest just before my departure. There have been some books on Pascal I wanted to have at hand in Toronto, but which I doubted were not worth binding, which explains why Boussac sent you some unbound. So far I've spent \$13.00 of my own money on books I've picked up here, and if you wish to re-imburse St. Michael's College on my account for that sum you can do so at your convenience.



Leo J. Klem
March 21, 1955

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My copy of the Annals arrived and were thoroughly read. Bill's has not yet turned up.

It was good to see Fr. McLaughlin. I met him at the train and we had supper together. The next night he had the three of us out to one of his own favorite spots for a dinner which lasted from 6:45 - 9:45

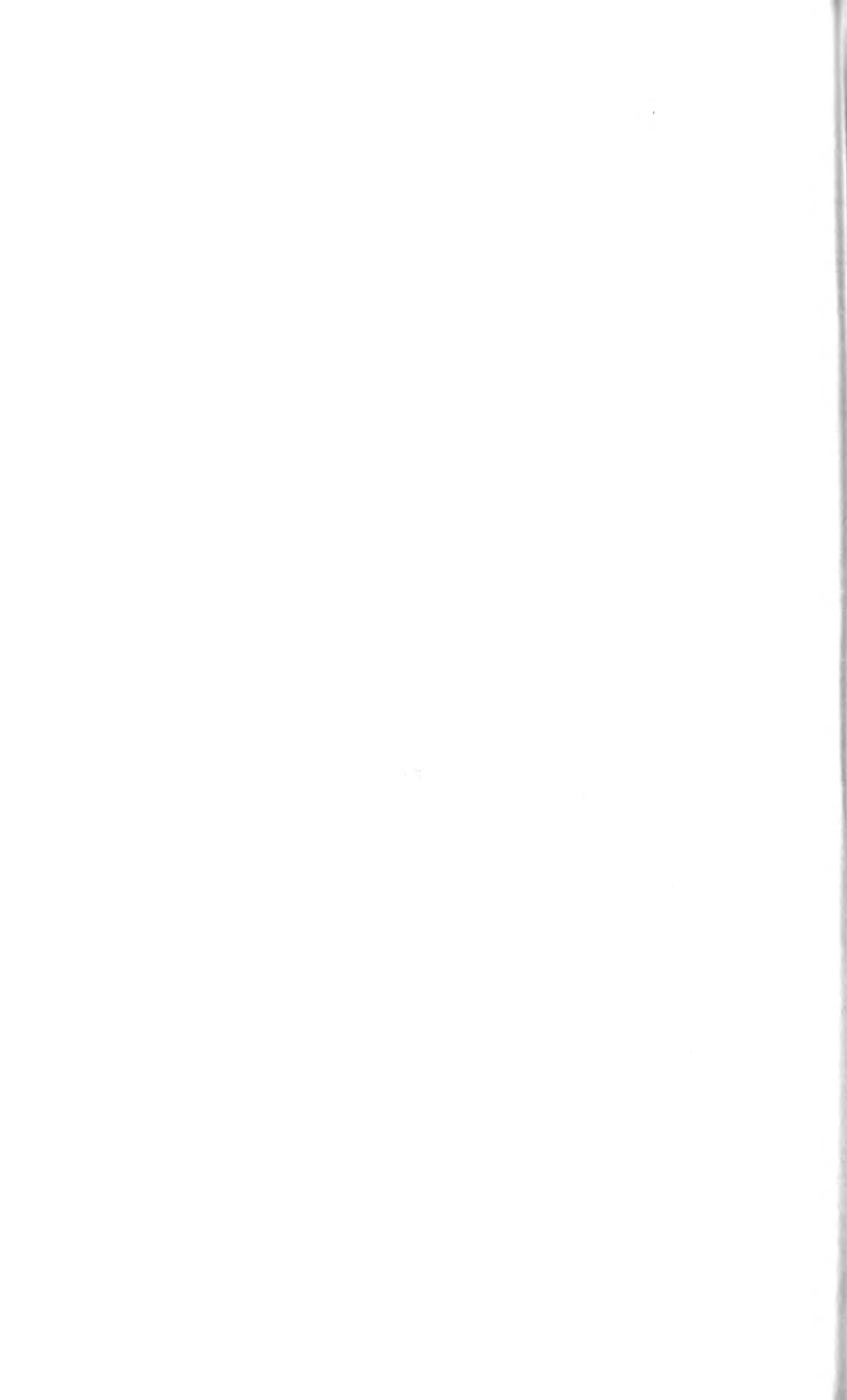
Bill and I will pick up Wally in Lyon April 2 for our trip to Rome where we plan on spending 10 days. We will have a Peugeot and should be able to take in most of the sights of interest along the way.

So far, everything here has been reasonably good. The winter has been dreadfully rainy and depressing, but there is evidence that sunny weather is due soon. We hope your winter has already given up the ghost.

We faithfully finished our Novena to St. Joseph and expect that you will have mountains of applications to handle before the summer. Best of luck and regards to all, especially Frs. Flahiff and Bondy.

As ever,
Leo

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Leo J. Klem
April 27, 1955

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1 rue de Jean Dolent
Paris XIV
April 27/55

Dear Bob,

Thanks for the bank draft which will come in handy in many ways. I'm planning a trip to the Publishing House of the Illustration and may find something there for you. Before I leave here, I intend to send by mail a couple of bundles of books and would ask you to keep them apart with the others to be sorted out on my return.

We got back last Sunday from a perfect trip to Rome where Fr. McLaughlin & Co. gave us a royal welcome and showed us the sights. It was good to be together and we set a record of 7 Basilians in Rome at the same time. Mr. Alex Sampson had us all out to one of his famous dinners — so our time in Rome was not spent entirely in visiting Basilicas.

We are looking forward to the arrival of Frs. <Alex> Denomy, <Hugh> Mallon and <Armand> Maurer. It looks like a Basilian invasion of the continent. I think it is time a certain librarian comes over to inspect the B.N. and others. Why not work on it?



Leo J. Klem
April 27, 1955

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Give my regards to all there, especially
Frs. Flahiff and Bondy. Hope Spring
has finally arrived there as it has
here.

As ever,

Leo.

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Daniel L. Forestell
May 4, 1955

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St. John the Baptist Church
Amherstburg, Ontario
May 4

Dear Father Scollard:

Would you be so kind as to take charge of these five Masses. It would be months before we could take care of them, and the donors would like them said sooner.

I expect to see you about May 16 in Toronto. All are well here. Father Pastor is in the throes of anxiety over a new school to be built in Anderdon Tp. As usual there is a controversy about its location, etc. We had a very large first communion class and I am sure by now they will all want to go to confession today altho' they went las Saturday. The Sisters are all in favor of the First Friday. Fr. McRae and I were gardening Monday — beets, beans, carrots onions & potatoes. Next will be Swiss chard and corn. I wonder if we shall be as good on the hoe.

Fr. L<owrey> had a meeting of the cemetery board last night. It is a great help to assist the pastor in that ticklish problem. Hoping to see you soon,
I am

Yours sincerely

D.L. Forestell

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Albert L. Williams
June 27, 1955

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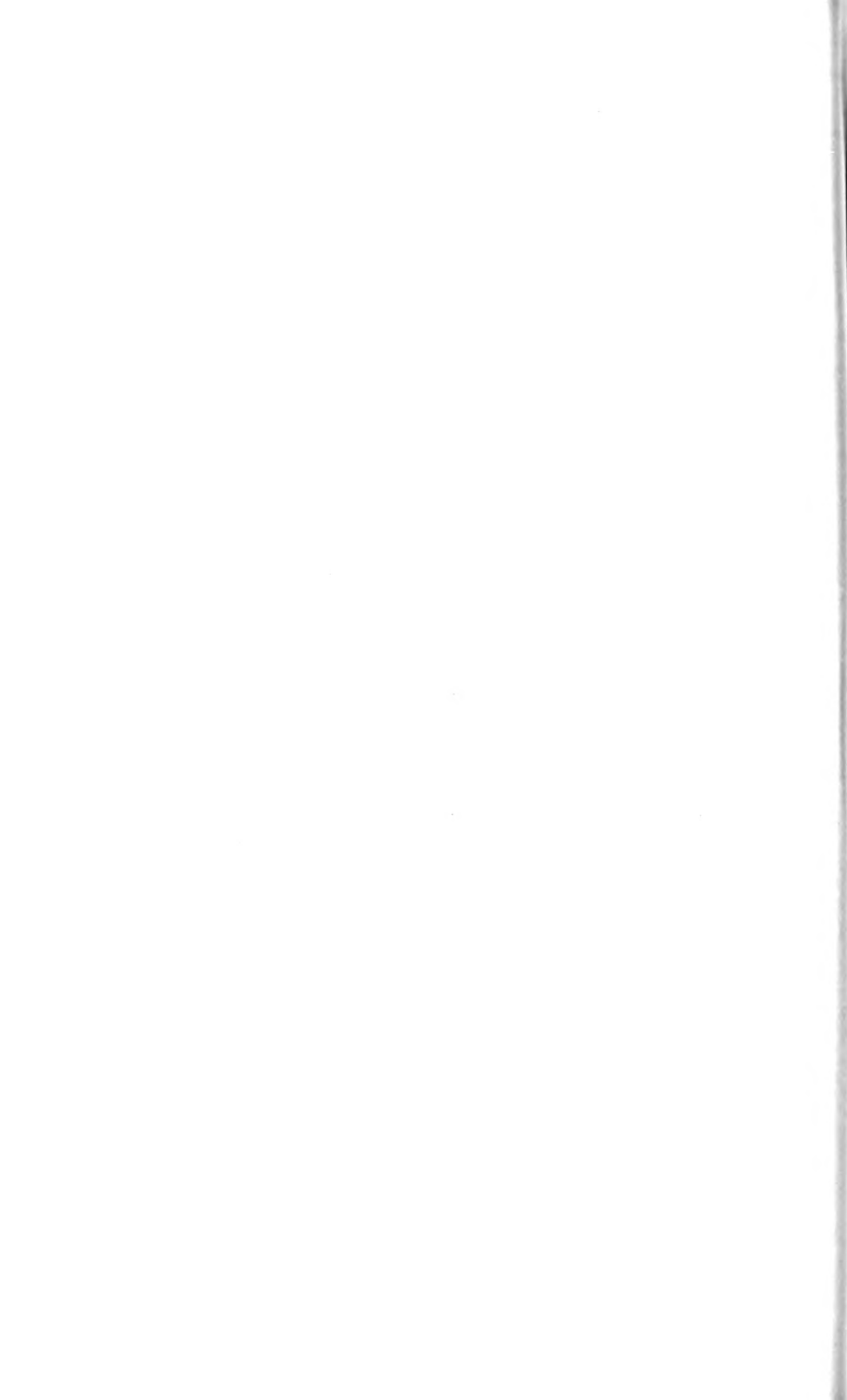
Saint Giles Rectory
1045 Columbian Avenue
Oak Park, Illinois
June 27/55

Dear Father:-

Well here I am! I was over to Rosary College yesterday & looked the place over. It certainly is a very nice place. The Superior told me that there will be 15 other men in the course so I won't feel out of place. I start classes this morning.

The parish in which I am staying is simply beautiful. The church itself cost over 1 1/2 million dollars & is not quite 10 years old. The Monsignor is very kind & mentioned that he knew Fr. Muckle (CSB). Apparently he met him in Rochester while at St. Bernard's Seminary some 30 years ago.

There is not too much to say except that although everything is so nice I do miss the confreres. I feel like a new toy around here. I have been introduced to heaven knows how many people as "This is Fr. Williams all the way from up in Canada" with a long "a" in Canada. Invariably the person looks at me in amazement and says "O-h--really! " At this point I feel like pulling out a hatchet, letting out a war whoop & take their scalp. It seems that that's what they expect.



Albert L. Williams
June 27, 1955

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My main purpose in writing is to give you my address & to ask you to send me a list of the appointments when they come out. It will make me feel as though the Basilians still love me.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

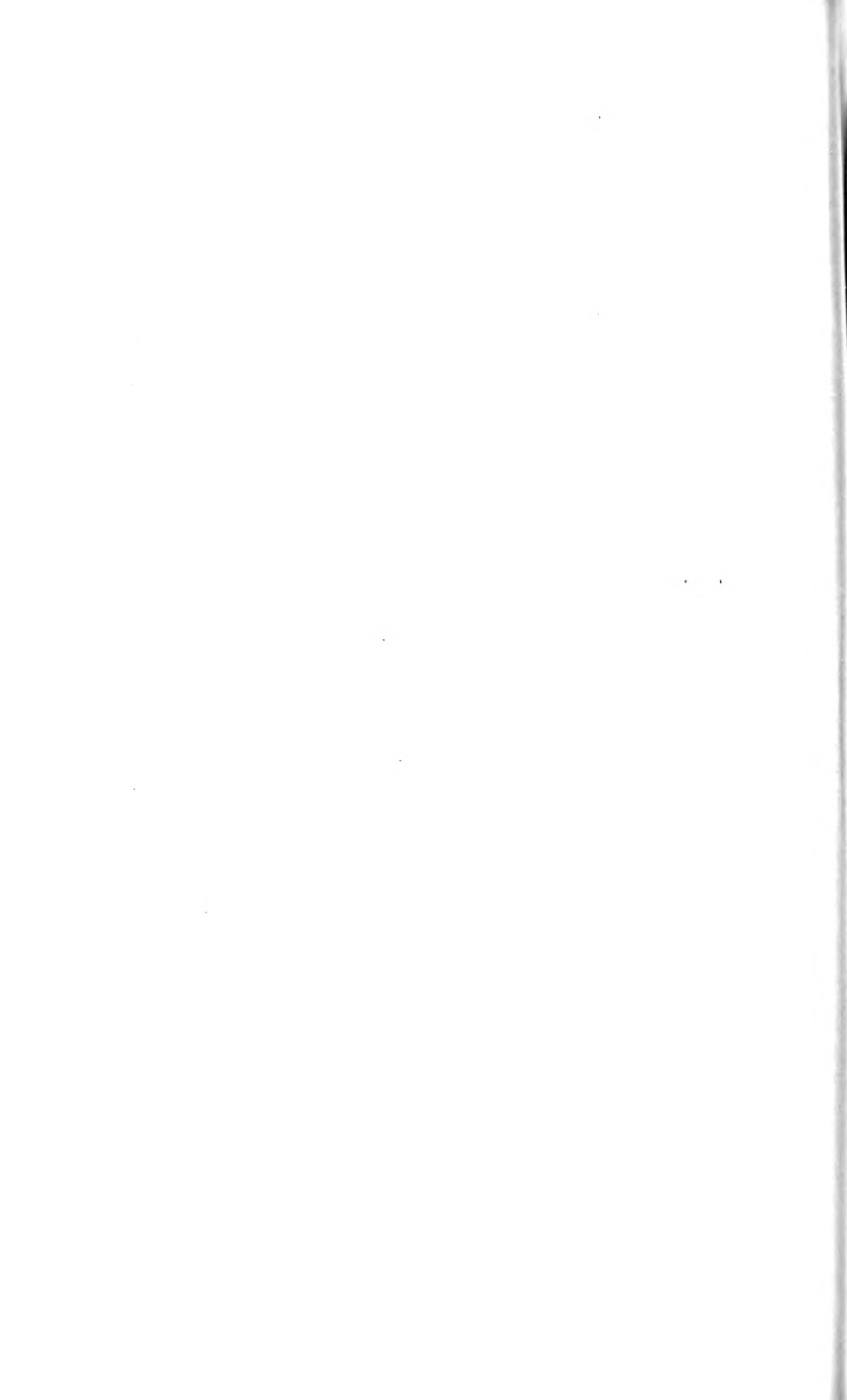
Sincerely yours in Our Lord

Bob

P.S. I went for a little walk yesterday to find a store in which to buy a map of the city. Not only was I unable to find a store or a map but I got lost & had to ask a gas station attendant how to get back to the rectory. Oh the life of a pioneer is an interesting one.

Bob

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Hugh V. Mallon
June 22, 1955

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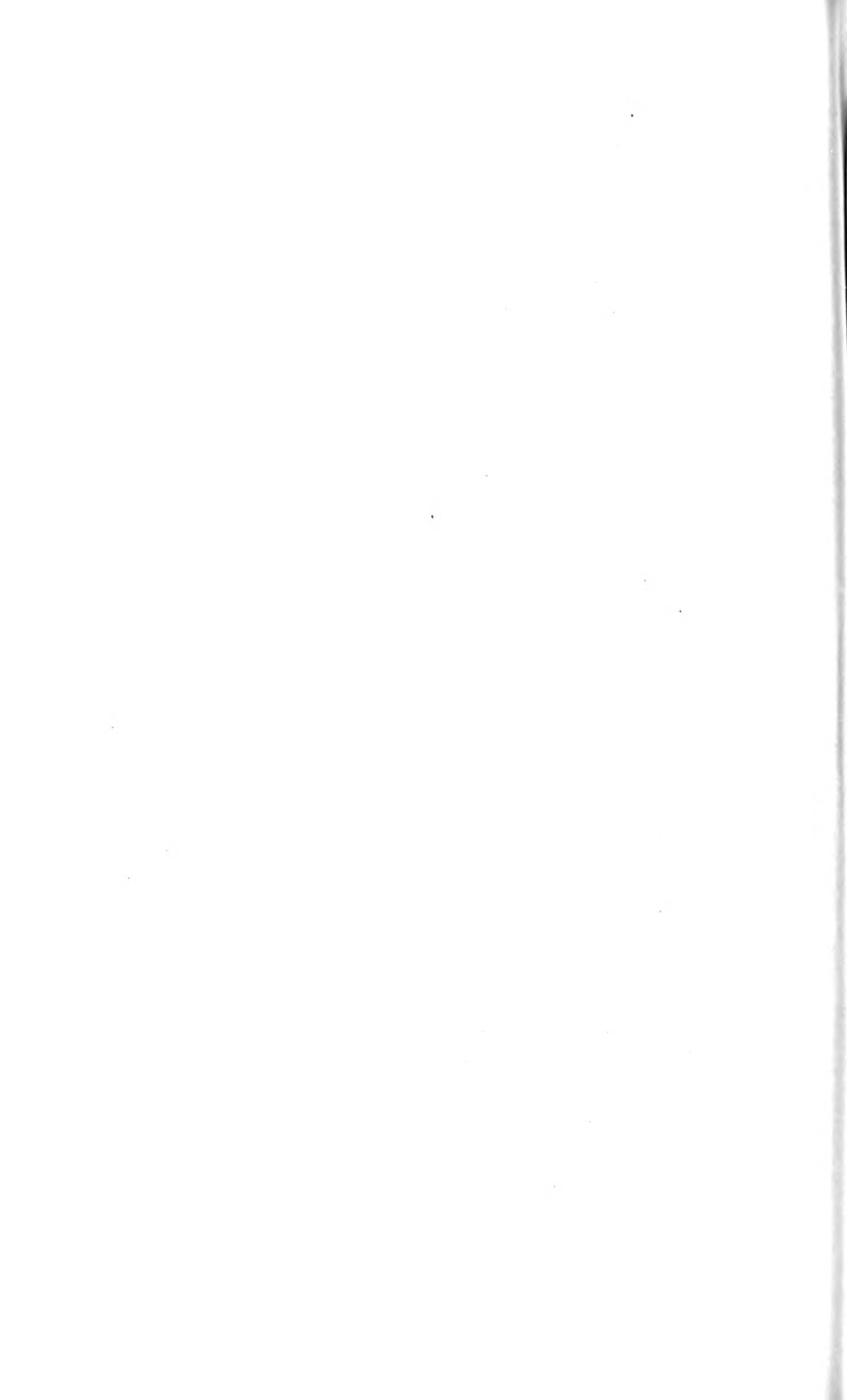
32 rue Babylone
Fraternité Sacerdotale
Paris 7^e, France
June 22, 10 a.m.

Dear Bob,

I suppose by now all the dirty work is done and you are filled with information. Only rumours I've heard in Paris are that I am going to Saskatoon as Superior and Jack Conway is succeeding Bas Regan. That's quite a few rumors for you. I've had news of the activities at SMC from my sister, from Dorothy S <ullivan> and from Paul.

What is Dan doing, for example? Fr. Stokes back from the West? How is Kelly? And Welty (or is he on holidays)? How is Si? I heard the Cardinal's campaign really went over, but I still don't know who won the U.S. Open.

Alex and I had a great trip June 1-18th taking in Chartres, Tours, Bergerac, Lourdes, Nimes, Avignon, Carcassone, Aix-en-Provence, Cannes, Nice, San Remo, Livorno (Leghorn where Shelley was drowned), Pisa, Rome (3 1/2 days of an accelerated course by Terry — Terry F <orestell>, Peter S<heehan> & Bob C <rooker> are well). Then on return with



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Armand to Assisi, Florence (where I stayed a day and left Armand to study), Milan, Grenoble, the Grande Chartreuse, Lyon, Ars, Paray-le-Monial, Vezelay, Vermenton (where Gilson gave us a great reception), and Paris, Sat. June 18th at 7:30 p.m.

Since then I have been cleaning up, resting and re-organizing. Leo K<lem> took me to Sacré-Coeur on Monday. He came over on Sunday for a visit and I returned it to the Eudists that night to see Bill Young & Dick D<onovan>. They both look a little haggard and took off on Monday for 10 days in Ireland. Tues. morning I saw Leo off on the boat-train at 8:30 a.m. and returning by bus I got the wrong bus and wandered around for about an hour before finding my way back. Today I expect to set out to see some things, in cassock, in accord with local custom, and because my suit is at the cleaners.

This is a very fine place to stay. This a.m. I had breakfast with the Archbishop of Bordeaux but we only bowed. Tomorrow at 9 am I am going to Annonay for a few days, but will be back here on Wed. June 29th for a week. Any information you can send will be greatly appreciated. Alexa and I are the only ones in Paris (unless Rush is somewhere here!)



Hugh V. Mallon
June 22, 1955

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at present, but Peter S<heehan> is coming at the end of the month and Armand earlier. When I know my future plans, that is for July 1-10th (then I must begin my lectures in London) I will let you know. Regards to Frs. Flahiff, Kennedy, Coughlin, Higgins, Bondy, Orsini & all.

Yours in Christ,

Hugh

P.S. Tell Father Coughlin his suitcase is holding up fine. I left it in Paris on the trip, of course, and will leave it with Alex when I go to Annonay.

H.

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John R. Whitley
July 3, 1955

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Basilian Fathers
CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
6565 West Outer Drive
Detroit 35, Michigan
July 3, 1955

Dear Father Scollard,

Sorry I haven't written before this but there just hasn't been any time. Ron and I arrived in Windsor on a Sunday evening around midnight and made our way to Assumption. The next morning I got an early start over to Wayne and spent the rest of the day making the rounds of all the offices. Every department seemed to rever me to another until I finally got fed up and asked to see the head of the graduate school. He apologized and blamed the inefficiency on the newly appointed dean of education. My next problem was to get in touch with my advisor, Mrs. Cleary, who was out for the day. The only thing I could do was to make an appointment for a latter day and head back to Assumption.

Wednesday was the only day I could see Mrs. Cleary and that day was also registration day for our group. I thought I could complete all the necessary arrangements between the morning Conference and lunch but much to my dismay it took the better part of the day. First of all they marked off all my college edu-



John R. Whitley
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cation as foreign so that I could have graduated from a Mau-Mau university in Kenyon, South Africa or any where else for that matter. Wester or the University of Toronto didn't mean a thing to anyone. As I took my papers to the various persons in the registration production line they would glance at the word "foreign" and then speak to me in basic English and use lots of gestures. They seemed to be surprised I could speak any English at all. Since I am a "foreigner" I have to take a Miller Aptitude test some time soon.

The final choice of courses is as follows:

Bibliography and Book Selection.	2 cred.
Library materials in the school.	"
Educational measurement and evaluation	"

I have just completed a week of classes and all I can say is that I have never worked so hard in my life. The courses are extremely heavy. Mrs. Cleary teaches both of the library science courses and is excellent but follows the Fathers Principe-Sheehan theory of piling on the work. Reading a whole book for next class is just a partial assignment.

The education course is likewise heavy. All told I have a scheduled eighteen



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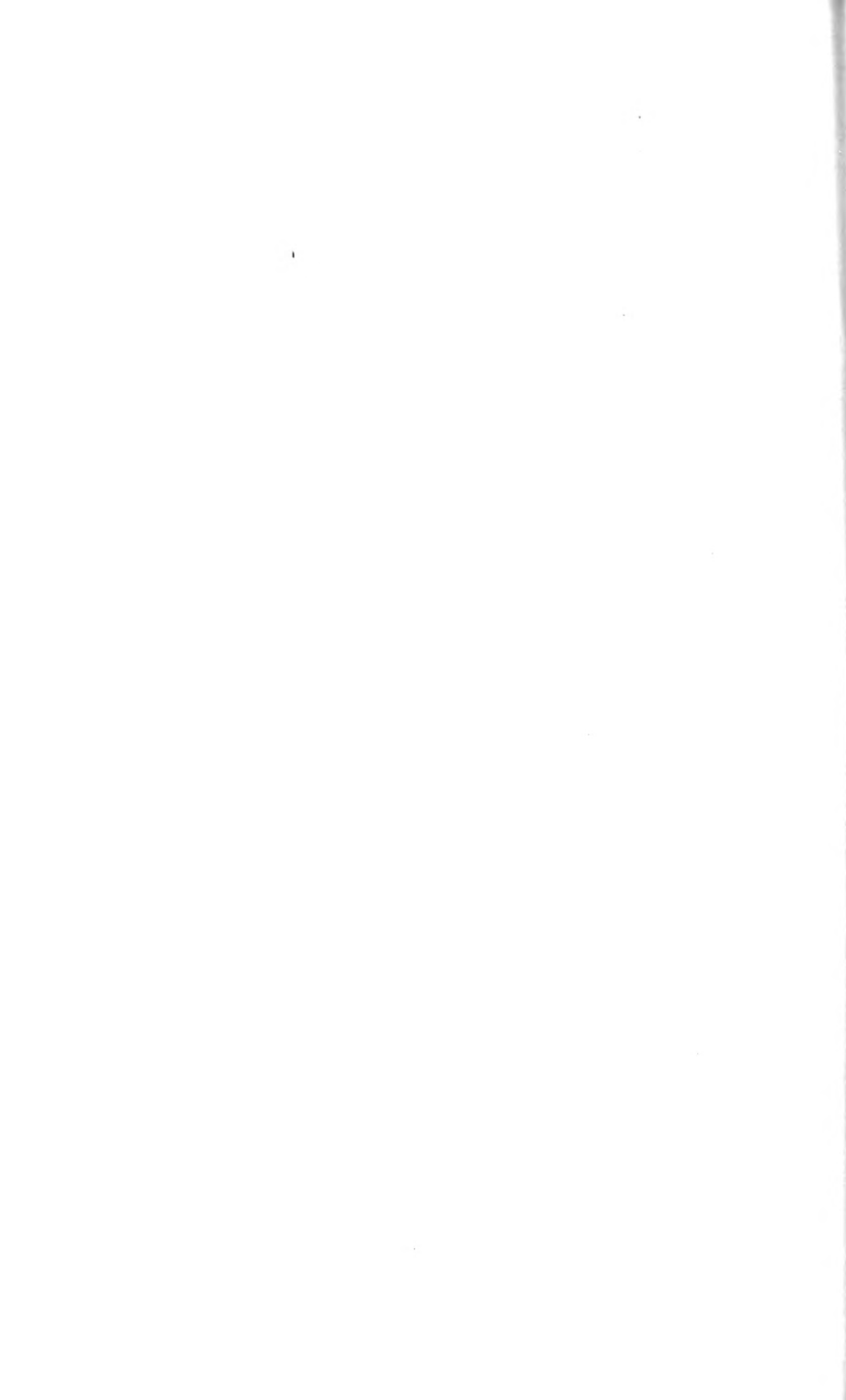
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hours a week but with all the overtime they take it is well over twenty hours. That wouldn't be so bad but here is the rub, it takes me over an hour to get down to Wayne from here. I leave the house at 8:45 and return at 5:00. Along with homework and, of course, my religious exercises it is a full day.

I must say that the majority of the people in my classes are wonderful to me. I am the only man in one class with eighteen girls. The other library class or thirty has four men. Friday we had a seminar on the various media of communication and I was appointed secretary and reported our findings to the class. The Lord was with me because it turned out quite well.

I haven't been able to spend as much time as I would like in the library here at Catholic Central. Father Koehler is going to be here all summer and I don't like to take over in any way. For the most part I have been working for him. Father Regan wants three thousand books added to the collection and cataloged by next winter. Brian Hennessey just arrived and says he is supposed to help in the library much to the surprise of all here, especially Fr. Koehler.

Sunday work is also rather heavy. Confessions every week, a sermon at your own Masses and usually the last two



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Masses. This week I went to East Detroit which took two hours and twenty minutes by bus. The last Mass was 12:45 so I arrived back at 4:30. Joe Miller and Leo Klosterman have to go over to Assumption every Friday night to sleep to make room for the men coming from Ann Arbor.

Tomorrow I write the Theology of St. Paul exam and much to my disgust just about everyone has to know about it. Maybe it is pride but just the same it could have been sent to me personally. Since Fr. Regan is away he gave it to Father Kehoe who informed me in the main corridor in front of the money line-up on Saturday that I was to write it on Monday. He probably will appoint someone to preside! You would think all the sermons I am writing this summer would raise my old mark (whatever it was) to a pass. I will probably have to write the sup to the sup sometime during my holidays.

Sorry to unburden my troubles on you, Father. I feel better all ready. Please remember me in your Mass.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

Jack

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John J. Glavin
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Saint Anne's Church
Basilian Fathers
2140 Westheimer Road
Houston 6, Texas
July 15/55

Dear Fr. Scollard:-

In order to plan for vacations for some of our men, during August, would you let me know when Fr. Lynch (who is now on vacation) has to report at Detroit. Also when Fr. "acey is to report here.

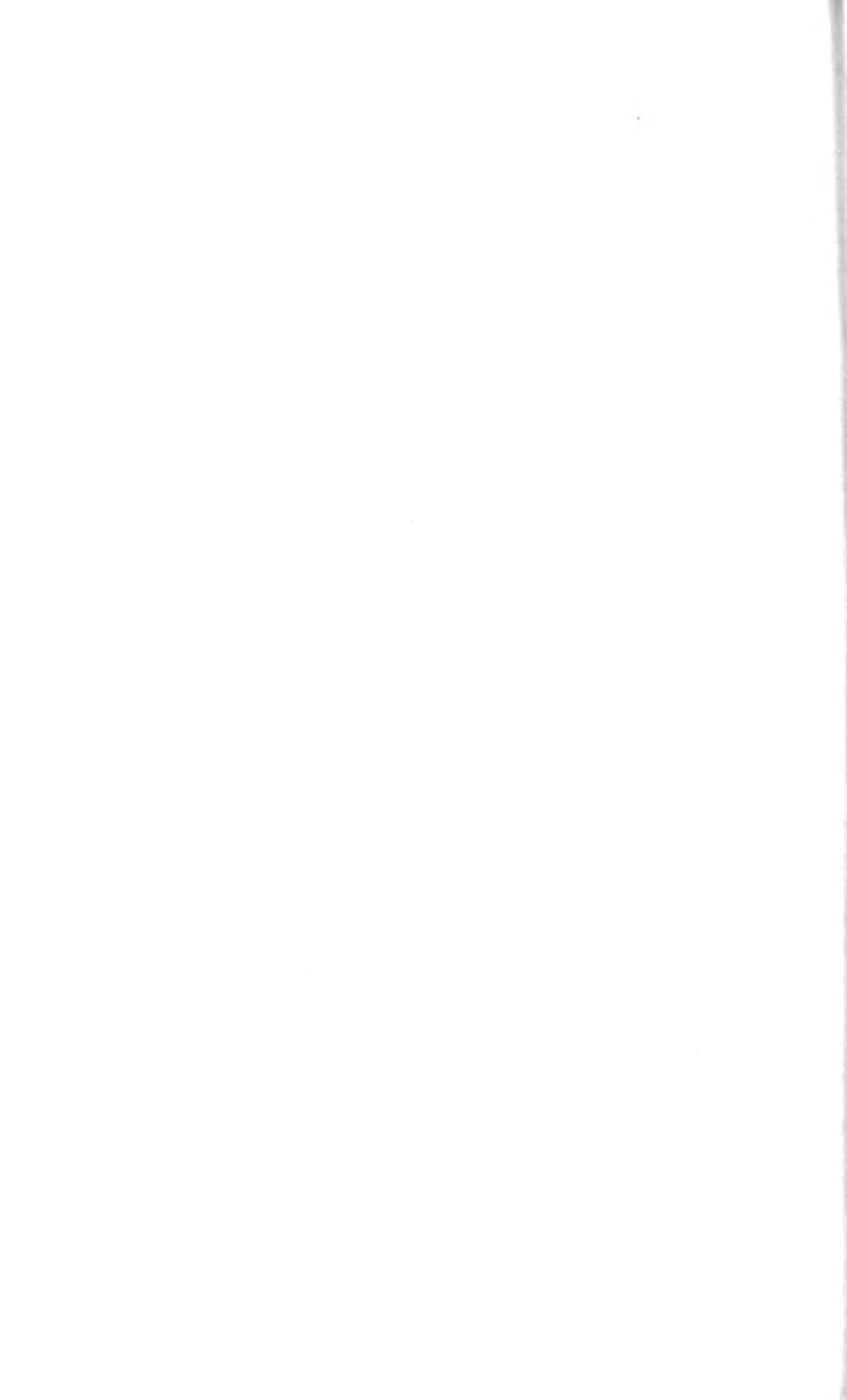
It has always been difficult to convince a number of the confreres that the Holy Ghost has anything to do with the appointments. As far as I can gather this year's list will be no help in convincing them.

With all good wishes

Sincerely in Our Lord & the Holy Ghost

J. Glavin.

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Leon G. Hart
July 17, 1955

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3616 15th Street
Washington 17, D.C.
July 17, 1955

Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks so much for sending me the appointments. I'll bet that you were glad to get those published so that you could discuss with the confreres all the interesting changes. Boy, weren't there a lot of them?

Was Father Magee prepared in advance for his appointment? He has a big job on his hands, but I think one which he is very capable of handling, and he will be coming to a house most of whom will have worked with him before, and liked it. Boy, I'll bet that Claude Vincent is sorry he is not going to be back in Rochester now that E.P. is going to be there. Father Magee is Claude's ideal as a boss. Father Looby, no doubt was very disappointed, but I think that it is a good change. By the way, what does Father Jack Conway think of his appointment?

Father, is Bob Williams now in Library Science? You mentioned that Father Gorman was not too pleased that Rochester got both librarians, and I did not know who the second one was, but there



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is a fellow here in our house who just happened to mention that Rosary College is a good library school. I gathered from that that Bob Williams must be the second one. It looks as though I will be replaced a house librarian. I hope so. It takes a lot of time, I discovered.

Gee, Father, how is Jack Kelly coming along? Wasn't that too bad. His poor mother must feel bad. I'm sure that a rest will straighten things out.

By the way, could you give me some inside dope? I am rather anxious to hear something about whether Phil Horruzey was accepted for our novitiate or not. You know that he has been a very intimate friend of mine since even before his conversion. I know his situation at home, school and elsewhere perhaps better than any other Basilian. I have been something of an advisor to him now for several years, so a little advice on the matter might help. He has not written to me now since just after he placed his application for novitiate, so I have been wondering what is the dope.

I was surprised to see that Father Mulcahy is going to be the new superior at the new school in the north. How do you think Father McCarty likes his new job?



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Father, please say hello to Father Corrigan, and give him my wishes and prayers for a quick recovery.

So long for now. I may see you for a few days toward the end of August.

As ever,

Leon

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Hubert P. Coughlin
July 20, 1955

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Mount Saint Vincent College
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Dear Bob:

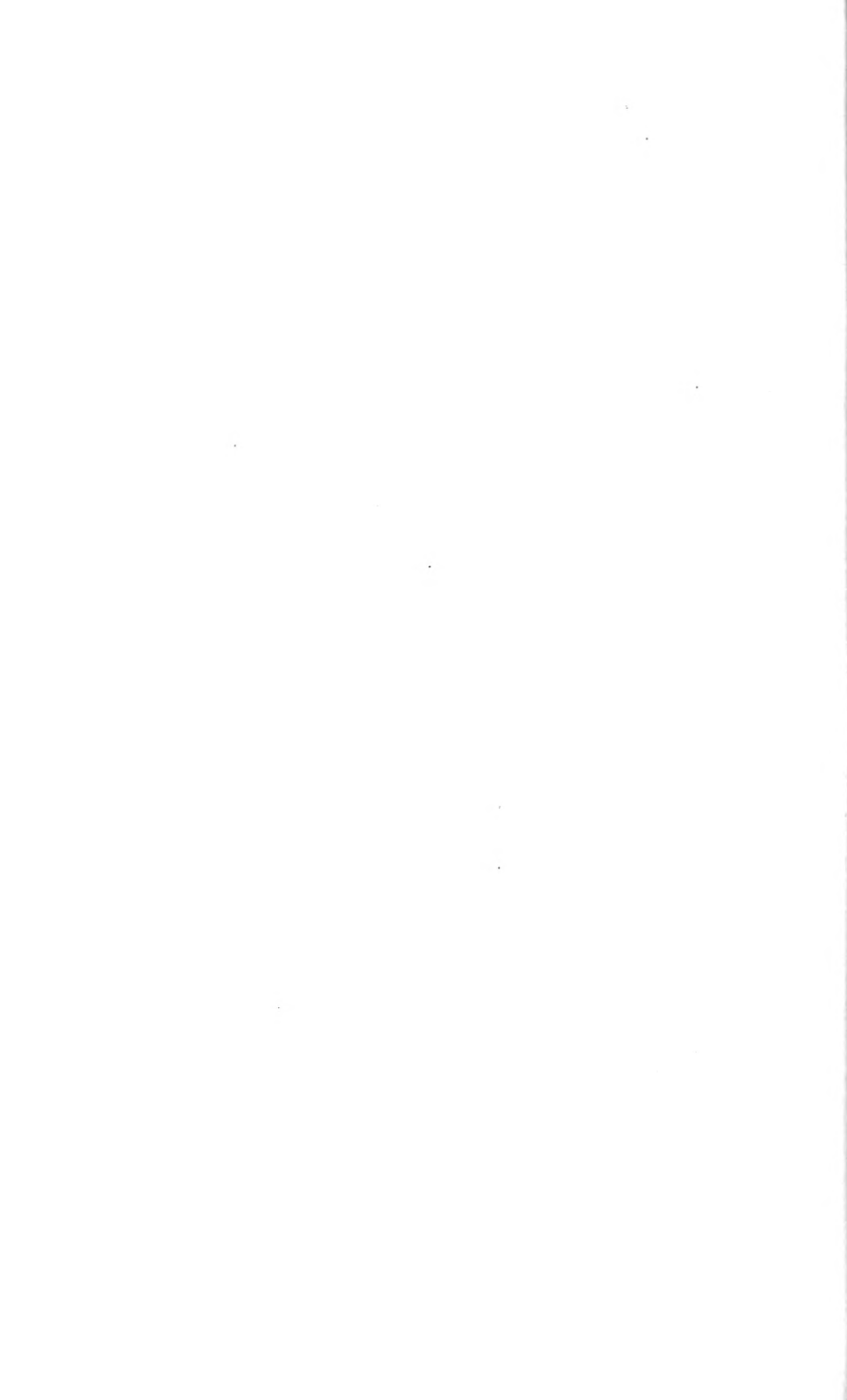
Many thanks for your newsy letter of the 16th. We don't hear very much down here about doings in Toronto so your items of interest were much appreciated.

Am glad to hear that S.M.C. has a new librarian — that should lighten your burden considerably. Freddy <Black> could do a good job there with his literary background if he gets down to business.

How is J.T. Kelly? You did not mention him so I presume he is still in Guelph. Sorry that Walter was not enthused over his appointment. I thought he would appreciate the change and better opportunity for work.

Fr. Dwyer and I are going to be deacon and sub at Mr. Hanrahan's funeral in the morning. We were over to the wake this afternoon. He had been in poor health for some time so his death was not entirely unexpected, but very sudden.

We spent last weekend on the Island (P.E.I.) with Father Warren. It was a most pleasant trip and the Island is the



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most attractive of the Maritime Provinces. We called on the Bishop and Msgr. MacKenzie at St. Dunstan's. We drove Fr. Warren's car back so we saw a good deal of the country en route.

Bob Comeau was in to see me and is looking for a teaching post for next year. I wonder if Fr. LeBel would be interested in an Economics teacher?

We had dinner with Jimmy Martin today. He is visiting his mother here. Do appreciate your letters, Bob, so if you have a minute write again.

Sincerely in Xto

H.P.C.

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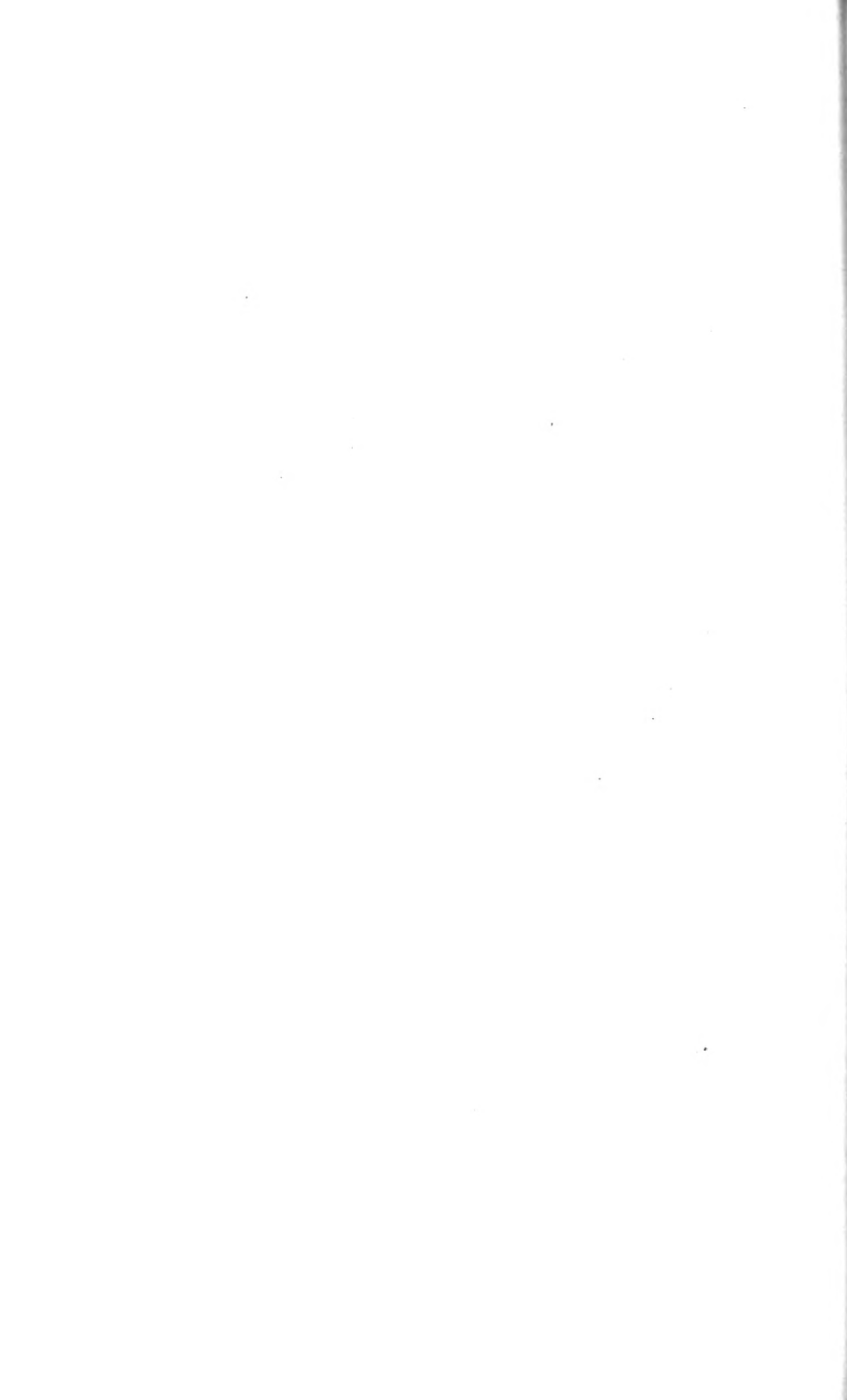
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Dear Bob.

Just a line to acknowledge your letter regarding Fr. Beuglet's death. It sure is sad to see all the old Basilians go.

I am sorry that you do not have my address. I sent it to Fr. Flahiff but it could have been lost. I am miles from civilization down here. The group that I am with are 7 miles back off the road. I have not been out this week yet but hope to get to St. John today. I am most fortunate in that I have a bed, mattress, pillow and 4 blankets. However I have no sheets or pillow cases. I shall be here until mid August. However we go on the move a week from Sunday and never get back to this spot. The generals are having a great time playing war. It reminds me of when I was a kid playing cowboys and Indians. We move with the big scheme called "Rising Star". While down here we get one 48 hour pass and I am going this Monday and Tuesday. We are not allowed to bring our cars in so I left mine at a farm on the highway. My brother was here last Sunday and I told him where it was. He was going to take it. In here I drive to my units in a 2 1/2 ton truck or motorcycle. You should see me driving the motorcycle! The roads are so bumpy



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that it is a heck of a job steering. The weather has been grand — hot days and cold nights. My room is in an old farm house with all the windows out. We have had about 4 rainy days and when it rains I have to mop my floor. Also we have to wear rubber boots as the mud is awful in the rain. Last Saturday night we had an awful hail storm. It only lasted about ten minutes but the hail stones were almost as large as golf balls. I was outside when it started and had to jump in a tent. The ground was white when it stopped.

Well despite the cold water for washing, outside conveniences, damp clothing and war games I really am enjoying it. I am not able to say Mass every morning but do get it in when I can. I have three Masses on Sunday. Give my regards to all. I shall send you my new address when I get it.

Sincerely

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St. John N.B.

Good until mid
August

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J. Floyd Crowley
August 2, 1955

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Saint Anne's Church
Basilian Fathers
2140 Westheimer Road
Houston 6, Texas
August 2, 1955

Dear Robert:

It's plum too hot for you to be worry-
ing about what happened to my billy-dew
on the "Doc". If you want to get cooled
off, come to Texas.

I phoned Will O'Rourke, Father O'Rourke's
brother on his parents side, he had some
good articles, but wants me to wait till
he writes to the other brother John in
Dalls. I can see now that phoning
brother Will was my first mistake.

It is raining. I mean it's raining,
been a doin it now for nearly three
weeks. Keep this up, and the cotton
will look like Mrs. Dooley's porridge,
which tasted like rain soaked cotton.

The Trinity is not the only thing Matt
Sheedy does not understand. He does
not understand why they moved him. And
like the Trinity probably never will
till judgement day, and then he will
have other moves to worry about.

Can we still bless all things, or do
we only have the privilege of the
Crosier indulgence?



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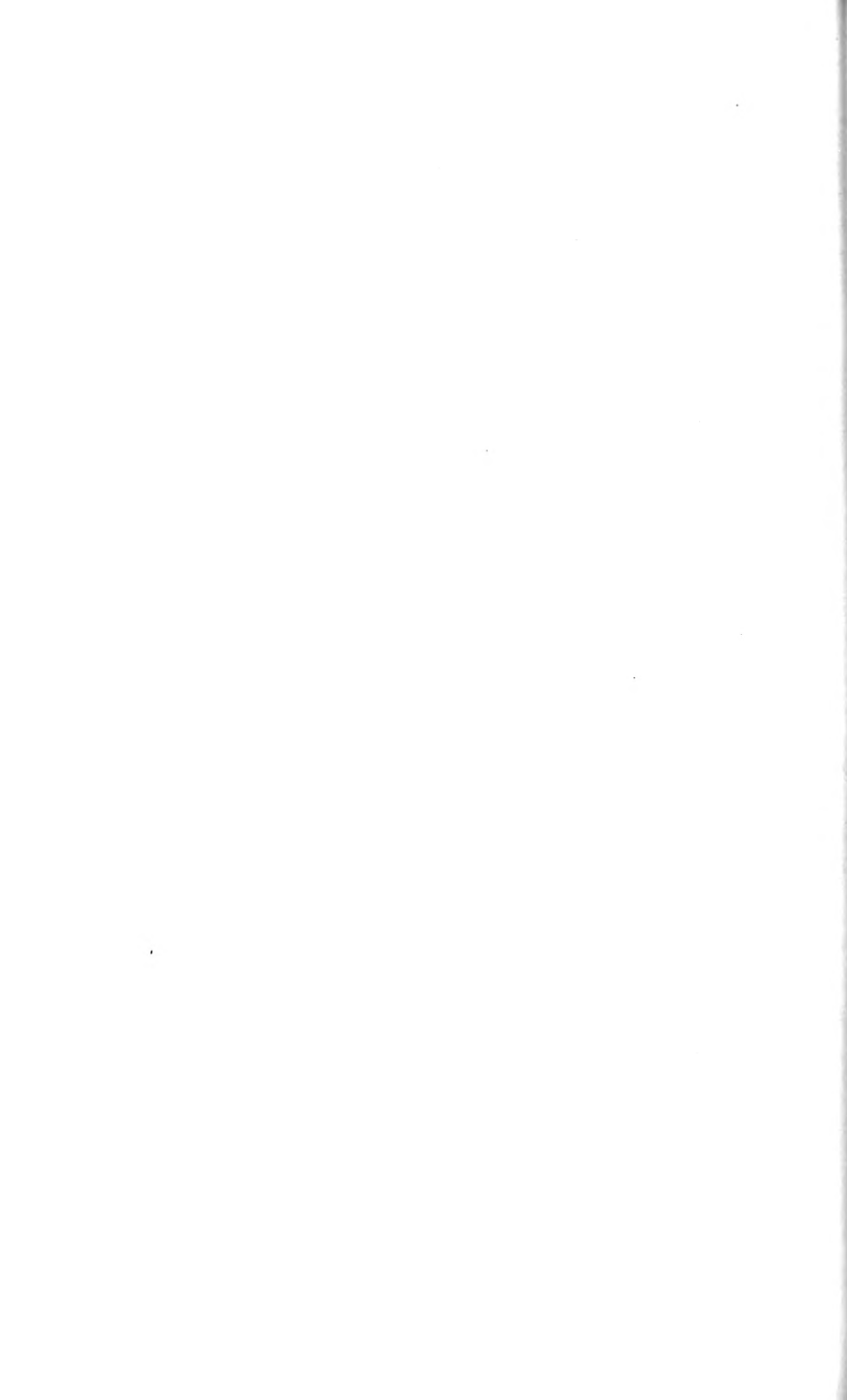
Don't know how the Fathers took appointments here. I have developed into a Pap O'Neill, just don't get around to the "out houses".

If'n I don't hear from Mr. O'Rourke by the end of this week, I shall phone him. And that could be my second and biggest mistake. At the end of that session I might think that I am Rafferty and the Lawd knows who he thinks he is.

Sincerely,

Floyd

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J. Floyd Crowley
August 11, 1955

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Saint Anne's Church
Basilian Fathers
2140 Westheimer Road
Houston 6, Texas
August 11, 1955

Dear Bob:

Father <John> Glavin and I never realized how little we knew about Father O'Rourke till we tried to write a history of his life. We came up with nothing, and so I send you this clipping from the Southern Messenger, dated March 24, 1955. It was given to me by Will O'Rourke, also the inclosed letter. I hope you will find it to your liking.

Matt Sheedy's Legion team lost out few nights ago, and I reckon there is nothing left for Matt to do but start his trek to the promised land, but that's life in a Religious Community, here today — St. Louis tomorrow.

Father O'Rourke told me that he was the first native born Texas to be ordained. It happened this-a-way. One of the priests from the Diocese got his-self a write-up in the local paper, between 1937-40. The reporter said that he was the first native born Texan to be ordained. Fr. O'Rourke objected

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(to me) on account of because he was
ordained quite some years before this
priest, whose name I have forgotten.

My best to all,

Floyd.

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November 17, 1955

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Saint Anne's Church
Basilian Fathers
2140 Westheimer Road
Houston 6, Texas
November 17, 1955

Dear Robert:

Your letter of the 15th received, and since I can't think of a hootin thing to write, shall answer it.

I have never heard of the University of Comberemere. I have eaten cheese called Camembere (that's close enough) stinky little tid-bit it is too, but very tasty.

I do not know Jim Cashubec, or John T. Kelly. I am reminded of M.V., of happy memory, practically every night. I will probably never know till Old Gabe blows his horn where M.V. got the scripture references he put in his catechism. They fit about as neatly as square plugs in a round hole. Be that as it may, I consider it a plumb bodacious catechism.

Tell Dan Corrigan to come to Texas, he will live longer here. True enough we do bowl a few over, in the middle of the street, especially during Christmas time, but by crips we don't go up alleys looking for 'em.



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As F^{ather} McBrady would put it, "Things haveⁿ come to a pretty pass" when Superiors start getting discontented, because of the lack of men. Every new man throws them into a higher tax bracket, and I don't reckon the Franc is worth as much as a counterfeit Confederate one dollar bill.

My Aunt, who was Matron at Assumption many years ago, heard that we joined the French Basilians, and heartily disapproves. She wants me to write and tell her what it is all about. Truthfully I don't know. If it is possible, and not against the good and holy rule, will you send her a copy of the Annals. She is blind in one eye and will never notice if it is spelled Cause or Cuase. Sending her an Annals will save me a lot of typing, and keep her busy for the winter, and it's going to be a hell of a long winter. I have never lived through, or heard o, a short winter in New Brunswick.

^the confreres south of the Mason-Dixon line seem to be enjoying their usual good health, excusin John Collins, who has been in the hospital nigh unto a week. I don't know why he is there, but there must be a reason, there always is. Having spent all of my priestly life, excusin six months, in parish work, I learned not to ask the female species why they were in the hospital.



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Above all never ask them what kind of an operation they had. It is some years now since I have asked a Basilian why he is in the hospital. I recall having visited a nun, whom I had never seen before, in a Hospital, matter of fact I never saw her out of a hospital. I just never saw her before or after, and in my inexperienced youth, asked her what kind of an operation she had, and her answer (bless her little innocent heart) — Piles. Obviously her Mistress of Novices overdid it when she taught her never to lie to the praest.

Three of our parishioners died between November 6th and 7th. Two with heart attacks, the other in car accident. One was Milton Laurent (Fr. <V.L.> Kennedy knows Milt). I sang the Solemn High Mass for Milt, the Bishop preached. Since you are a friend of mine, I shall allow you two snickers re - my singing a High Mass, but you don't have to over do it. The other man was Mr. McCauley, Pullman car conductor. His wife worked in the cafeteria when Fr. Higgins was here.

The man who died in the car accident — it's the old question that some people never find the answer till they land in "ternity, and then it doesn't make any difference. The Question? Who has the right of way at a railroad crossing, the train or the automobile? The engineer thinks he has it. The man diving



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the car thinks he has it. And they both meet at the same crossing at the same moment, they haven't time to argue the point. The results are always the same. Three days after they bury the man who was driving the car, and another widow's pension is set up.

Father Lacey asked me to tell you that he feels very humbled. The Annals did not even remember what he said at the St. Michael's High School retreat. They didn't even remember that he was there. As Joe McGahey would say — Note this well — The above statement was by request.

Nearly forgot — My aunt's address. Miss Alice Ahern, Tracadie, New Brunswick, Canada. Box. 68. Be sure and put New Brunswick, on account of because there is a Tracadie, Prince Edward Island, and a Tracadie, Nova Scotia. Matter of fact I think there are two in Nova Scotia.

My best to you all.

Floyd.

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Saint Anne's Church
Basilian Fathers
2140 Westheimer Road
Houston 6, Texas

Dear Robert:

Received your letter a few days ago, and am so pleased to hear that Vasek has dusted off the books in preparation for a hard year ahead. I'm sure that your friend Halibus would agree that it is not good to start on a cold muscle.

Come January 1st, 1966, we of the Galveston Diocese will be saying half the office, leastwise that's the way I kakklate it after having read El Bishop's letter. You know I am just about convinced that Bishops write directives to purposely get me confused, which really isn't too difficult. For nigh unto 23 years I have been reading an ordo telling me how to say the office, along comes a letter from El Bishop telling me how not to say office — Confusin. But I am thankful that we are getting rid of the Quicumque. That's most contradictory little ditty I ever did read, even if I knew what it meant. It always reminded me of the Summa. You know I read 4 pages of the Summa when I was in Detroit. I never read any more,



because I was afraid that Poke would catch me, and he didn't have a very high word for "them damn buggars that were always puttzing around with the Summa", and I didn't want to do anything that would put me in Poke's bad graces, on account of it was during the war, and cigarettes were not hard to get, they were just impossible to get, unless you knew Poke, and anyone who knew Poke and needed cigarettes, and I did, must never be caught "puttzing around with the Summa". I never was considered very bright, but just smart enough not to get caught in that trap. Getting cigarettes from Poke followed a pattern.

- 1). Ask Poke for a carton of cigarettes.
- 2). Leave your room, and do not return for at least 30 minutes. When you return a carton of ciagrettes will be on your desk.
- 3). Never ask Poke where he got the cigarettes. Only a dull and muddy mettled rascal would be so imprudent.

I do recall, from reading four pages of the Summa, that St. Thomas took one page to make aprofound and learned statemnt, and the next three to contradict what he had already written; the result — I never knew what side he was arguing on.



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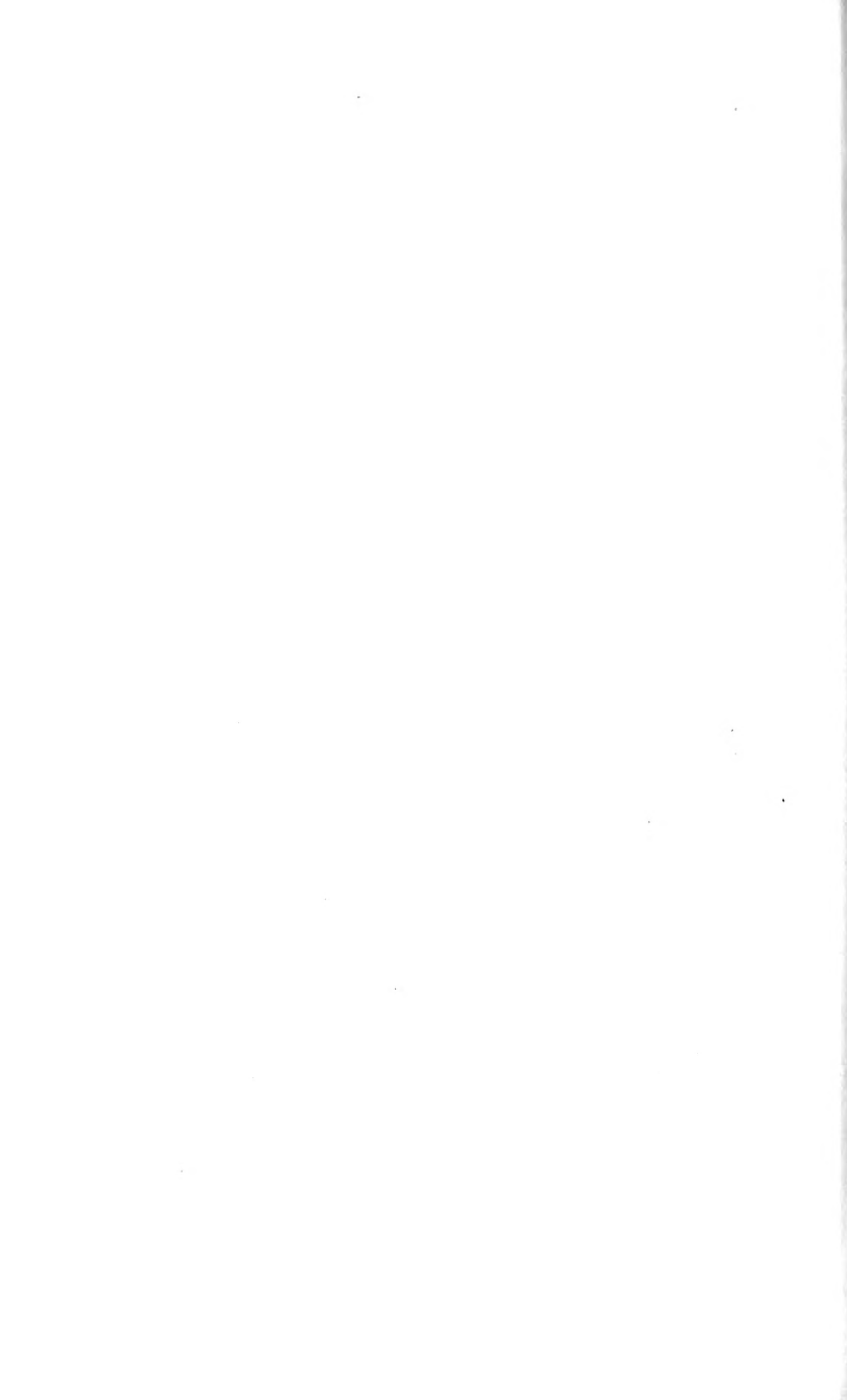
Shifty Murphy suffered a slight stroke some time back. We didn't consider it serious until someone told us that Shifty couldn't talk, there was no doubt then, it was serious. Obviously the violent did bear it away, because Shifty is back in form, and batting 'em over the left field wall, or any old wall for that matter.

Priests, and people are glad to have Father Lacey back again. The people just love him. He does all things well. I often wonder if a man, like Lacey, is born that way, or does he get that-a-way from doing what comes naturally. I know I don't do things naturally, and it was a hell of a cold night, March 6, 1902.

The Fathers all look healthy. Some still believe that you can't tell a book by its cover, and there might be a vestige of truth in it. I hope I never reach the stage where I weigh 190 on the outside and a bundle of nerves on the inside. Tim Dolan, of happy memory, thought it was all in the head, but learned the hard way that it can be of the belly kind too.

I hope some of this letter makes sense to you, most of it doesn't to me.

Floyd



Matthew A. Killoran
August 18, 1955

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Basilian Fathers
Ste. Anne's Church
1000 Ste. Anne St.
Detroit 16, Michigan

Dear Bob:

Enlightened by the Holy Host; instructed by the Apostles, with a few ideas of my own I humbly submit this brief and rather incomplete ditty to you on Fr. Beuglet. Much could be said that would be closer to the point but I feel that Fr. Beuglet in all his humility would not want a eulogy.

I could very easily add that while driving a car he not only showed he must have at one time or other been a baseball pitcher, for he did really show that he had "a lot of speed and no control" but he also must have studied the Coca Cola signs, for to him a red light simply meant "a pause that refreshes" then he would drive through it.

The retreat at Assumption University, Windsor is in full swing. Fr. Duffy is doing a nice job. Well liked by all. A little long at times but very good. Most of the things he says have a smattering of Catholic doctrine about them.

About the list on Fr. Pokriefka, Fr.



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Kelly said he would send it at once. He has been away on vacation and just came back in time for the Retreat. He is quite busy getting his things packed for Owen Sound. We have to watch that he does not take any of Poke's books with him. I do hope he takes his Vademecum with him.

Best to all non-Island brethern.

Matt

By the way I feel you could get a better write-up on Fr. Beuglet if you see Fr. Shook & use the first part of his sermon about him. It was very good. Look it over and judge.

Matt.

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Alfred P. Caird
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Basilian Fathers
UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS
3812 Montrose Boulevard
Houston 6, Texas

Dear Fr. Scollard:

Just a request — Has the Community, Seminary, etc. anything like a Mass Association? A lady, formerly here, now in California would like to enroll her whole family for life if we have one.

The cool weather stayed in the North when I came back down here. Registration is still going on so I'm not too sure about numbers as yet, but it looks pretty fair.

Many thanks.

Sincerely in Christ

Alfred P. Caird.

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William P. McGee
September 13, 1955

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Basilian Fathers
St. Theresa Mission Center
P.O. Box 168
Sugarland, Texas
Tues. Sept. 13-55

Rev. R. Scollard,
St. Basil's Seminary
95 St. Joseph St.
Toronto.

Dear Father Scollard;

Father McGee reporting - -

Have taken over some of the varied and essential duties of pastor of the Sugar Land area.

Suffice it to say at this time that all is going on well as far as I know and I am learning a little each day.

Father Duggan comes each Sunday to help out. I have attended the 'House Plantation' for the last two Sundays but next Sunday I'm going to stay home and meet my parishioners for the first time.

We need some books, to complete our needs. Vade Mecum (4) Constitution, The Rule, A suitable examen book,

Some back copies of the Annals would help in checking up on recent legislation, etc. Please send me any of these that



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are available 'quam primum' and any other material that you deem necessary for a budding pastor.

I am very satisfied with the set-up so far and the weather has been ideal both day and night.

Sincere regards to the confreres,

W.P. McGee, C.S.B.

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James A. Donlon
September 16, 1955

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Assumption Church
2775 London St. West
Windsor, Ontario

Dear Bob:

It was very nice hearing from you and also the interesting items of news are always a pleasure. We are in the midst of the nicest weather of year and this is so welcome after the hot summer. About news here — The Top Secret is that Fr. Todd is moving to Catholic Central. It's a secret but everyone knows about it. It was too noisy at Assumption and a change is good for the soul. Your friend Viny F<ullerton> will be in here today to preach on Sunday at all the Masses. I hope he goes well. He came here last Sunday to preach at Blessed Sacrament but they had called it off and forgot to tell him. The new high school is opened and it is a nice job. You will have to come down and give it your ok. Fr. Batty was here for a couple of days and then he had to take his holidays. Army is back coaching the high school team again. No one else to do it. Matt Sheedy told him at the last minute that he was a basketball man.

Now for the news of Assumption Parish during the past year;

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We had a visit from the Papal Delegate on Oct. 1st when he received all the priests in the district. We had a two week mission by the Redemptorist Fathers. The Third Diocesan PTA conference had a special Solemn Mass in Assumption Church on Oct. 10th. We installed a new sign - Neon in front of the statue of Our Lady of the Assumption Pray for us - Outdoor lights on the church were installed on December 5th. A parish dance and social evening was held for the whole parish. There was no charge. Two orchestras and we had about 2000 people. This was on May 20th. We had 150 children who made their First Communion. On July 3rd Fr. Vincent Paré said his First Solemn Mass. We gave out 60.000 communions from the first of January to Aug. 10th. On August 19th we had a Closed Retreat at Oxley and 62 men attended. The Summer School Choir sang a special Mass on July 30th in this church as part of their summer school program. The temperature was 100 and some few enjoyed the singing.

This is about all that I can dig up for you Bob at the present time. Keep up the old spirit and hope to see you in the not too distant future. The very best to you.

Sincerely

J.A. Donlon

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James J. Murphy
September 20, 1955

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St. Mary's Church
Owen Sound, Ontario
Sept. 20th, 1955

Dear Bob:-

I have lost the sheet regarding appointments, enrollments and something such. However, the appointments did affect us considerably as Father Batty was moved to Assumption Church, Windsor, and Father Charles Kelly was moved to Owen Sound from St. Anne's in Detroit. It is now up to Father Kelly to fill the shoes of Father Batty, a big job for any one man. It has been said that the little fishes drew a sigh of relief the day that Father Batty left.

Father Kelly comes to Owen Sound as First Councillor, crowding Father <John> Sullivan off that job which he has held for the last nine years. Father Sullivan has been demoted to Second Councillor.

It has been very quiet up here this year, nothing of very much importance has happened since the decorating of St. Mary's Church last year. We have had a great number of priest visitors, as usual, but not as many as last year.

Some work has been done on the mission churches. The churches at Chatsworth

James J. Murphy
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and Wiarton have been redecorated and some repair work done on the church at Hepworth. A new altar rail at the church at Meaford and some repair work. That is about the extent of improvements done in Owen Sound and missions.

The time of the Masses are the same as last year, 8 and 11 in Owen Sound and alternating 9 and 11 on the missions.

In regards to photographs I asked Father Lyons about it and he said that he sent you the photos last year. He seemed very disappointed that you did not print them last year.

Every thing is going about the same as when you were here the last time Bob, so try and come up when you can. I hear that there is a rumour that you are going over to France with the Superior General. I hope it is true.

Regards to all the Brethern.

J.J. Murphy

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John T. Conway
October 1, 1955

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Basilian Fathers
402 Augustine Street
Rochester 13, N.Y.
October 1st/55

Dear Rob -

A requeste and a correction!!!

A friend of mine is trying to locate Rev. Louis Connally (I'm not sure of the spelling). Louis entered our Novitiate in 1938, was professed but remained only a short time. Since then he has become a diocesan priest. I seem to have the impression he is in the Canadian West somewhere.

Could you, either out of the tremendous fund of personal knowledge of men & their whereabouts, that you enjoy, or from the many sources of such information you have at your finger tips, please send me the address of this fellow. I would be, I assure you, most grateful.

The correction! You sent out to superiors a mimeographed item on each of their new appointees re teaching fields & teaching done the past year. On mine you indicated Histroy & Latin as the fields (Error I). English is my major & History the minor at Wayne. You indicated too that last year I taught

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History Grade XIII & Latin Grade X
(Error II). It should read Latin IX
& XI besides the Upper School History.
This is not of great moment, you will
agree, but knowing your own intense
penchant for accuracy & for my own
part, not ever being able to resist the
temptation to help you correct your
rare inaccuracies, there you are!

I hope you are well and pursuing your
daily tasks, which will be numerous
now that the Frenchmen are in. Are
your files completed yet on these Gauls?

Thanks, Rob, if you can get this address
for me & thanks, too, for your many
kindnesses in the past.

In Christ,

J. Conway.

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posited in the general archives of
the Basilian Fathers)

C. Maurice Taylor
October 1, 1955

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Grand Séminaire de Québec
Saturday morning
October 1, 1955

Dear Father Scollard,

We just wrote our first exam, and for some reason or other I was through a little early so having nothing important to do I thought I would drop you a line.

Bob and I are well settled now. It didn't take too long to get onto the wing of things, but I will admit that the first two days were really awful. I didn't know where I was going or why I was going where I was going. The place is so big. It takes hours to get from one place to another. By the way for one who likes statistics ... there are 143 steps from the fifth floor to the dining room in the basement. The chapel is on the fifth floor and the recreation room is on the third. They have a quaint custom here of always meeting on the third floor before going to any other floor. You can imagine what that would entail at some times... and of course you proceed according to orders. That means that someone who is tonsured can push on ahead of someone who has the misfortune to be untonsured...such as me; and they do it too, especially on the way to meals.

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We are just finishing our second week of the three-week probation period. It is something like a retreat and a novitiate combined, only not quite so strict. We have two conferences or classes in the morning and two in the afternoon. It has been very interesting for the most part except when they bring in old priests who used to teach in the seminary 20 or 30 years ago and are now in aprish somewhere in the city. Some priest yesterday spoke on St. John of the Cross. It was impossible even for the French seminarians to understand him. He spoke in a low whisper, hardly opening his mouth. But for the most part, the conferences have been excellent ... one on the hidden life of Jesus was very stimulating. I have little trouble understanding the teachers, except for one ot two, but it is almost impossible to understand the seminarians themselves. If I walk with just one everything is fine; he usually speaks slowly enough for me to get everything or at least half, but when two or three more come along that ends that conversation for me. I think there has been about $1/4$ of 1% improvement though in the last week.

The seminarians here have really been wonderful towards Bob and me. I have never seen such kind and thoughtful people. During the recreation there is always someone waiting totake us around

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the walk. They certainly do their best to make us feel at home. I think a lot of it is because of the good impression the other scholastics made. Bill Mareceau is almost a legendary figure here. Mareceau has become a synonym (?) for "sportif". It has been a bit embarrassing for me, who am not the greatest athlete to have to admit all the time that I'm not "un grand sportif" like Bill. He certainly was popular here.

Father Callaghan was here the other night for half an hour or so. Father McGuigan had some trouble with his varicose veins so he didn't come. All seems to be going well with them.

This afternoon we are all going to the coliseum for some kind of spectacle in honour of St. Joseph. The Governor-general was here a few days ago and granted a holiday, so this is the holiday.

Well there isn't much left to say, except that all's well and the future doesn't look too cloudy.

Please don't feel obliged to answer this letter, Father. I know that you are busy, but if you have some few spare minutes it would be nice to hear from you.

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Best wishes to all the fathers and
scholastics.

Yours in Christ,

Moe Taylor.

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C. Maurice Taylor
November 16, 1955

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Grand Séminaire de Québec
Wednesday evening
November 16, 1955.

Dear Father Scollard,

I received your letter some time ago. It was a good letter — lots of news in it. The Annals arrived too. I read them from cover to cover right away and then I read the list of new books in the library. That was very thoughtful of you. In the spiritual reading list for October I was glad to see Blossius' book. Father <William> Murray likes him very much, too. I found a book here which I find very interesting and helpful: The Spiritual Doctrine of Elizabeth of the Trinity. Many of the priests here have mentioned it now and again. I don't know whether you have it or not.

While I'm on books and library, etc. I should tell you about their set up here. First of all they have two "libraries"; reference and spiritual reading. The reference library isn't bad. No books may be taken out of there at all. There is little system except a kind of grouping according to subject matter; moral, dogma, etc. — very easy for books to become misplaced. Revues and other magazines are lying in piles and date many years back. The other library is in the

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recreation room which is also a classroom at one end. The books are in glassed in shelves lining the walls. Books may be taken out only once a week and then only between 3:30 and 4:00 pm. The rest of the time the cupboards are locked. There is no system as far as I can see except that the shelves are numbered and the books are marked for a certain shelf. Most of the books are paper-covered too. The ironic part of it all is that the reference library is painted the same colour as our seminary library, the floor is the same colour and the wood is stained dark. Of course the worst part of it all is that all the books are either in French or worse still Latin.

Cardinal McQuigan was in Quebec for a two or three day visit. He's a former student of the "Grand" so he came here Sunday and said Mass, then stayed for breakfast. Bob and I were torch-bearers for his Mass (a Low Mass). They love torch-bearers here. Whenever possible they have as many as possible. They go one better than you, tho' — each torch is made of four candles!! Lots flame, anyway! The master of ceremonies here is a seminarian in 2nd year. His position is so exalted that anyone may go to his room at anytime without permission, for instructions.

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(Anything done here without permission is really extraordinary)

We have Solemn High Mass every Sunday with sermon, and solemn vespers in the evening with Benediction — all in the basilica. I like the vespers very much. The ceremonies are all well done and the schola are (is?) excellent.

Bob and I are doing well, but getting a little anxious to get home to Toronto. We had a moral exam last Sat. — in Latin. We probably both failed but we're not discouraged. We have a dogma exam this Friday — in Latin of course. The matter is faith and revelation. We both find it very difficult to understand and to remember. The teacher expects whole pages of latin notes to be memorized word for word. I "do my possible" but I think another flunk might be in the offing. Lectures will probably end the 6th of December and after a week of study, exams till the 24th. They really go fast here! My lack of philosophy is beginning to tell but fortunately the Latin is already about 800% easier than a month ago.

Spiritually I think everything is fine too. I'm trying to gain back what I think I might have lost last year. I made a kind of offering of all the

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trials of this year for our ordinands of '56. The trials aren't too many tho'. It is impossible here to drop into the chapel several times in the morning or afternoon like at our seminary, but I can make a ten minute visit in the morning before dinner and then Stations later on in the afternoon.

Well I wouldn't want to start page 5, so I'll close wishing you the best. Remeber me to Father Orsini, and altho' an answer would be very welcome, please don't feel obliged to answer.

Yours in Christ

Moe T.

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E. Blake Coll
October 5, 1955

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The Basilian Fathers
1818 First Street East
Calgary, Canada
Oct. 5, 1955

Dear Father Bob:

Your letter asking for information for the Annals should have been answered some time ago, but I delayed waiting for some things to become definite.

We are now exclusively a high school here, having been relieved of Grades 7, 8, 9. Grades 10, 11, 12 remain with us with a registration of approximately 215. The football teams, both Senior and Junior, seem headed once more for great things. As to degrees, my work is completed and the thesis accepted and defended though official word of the conferring has not yet arrived. I believe it to be routine from here in, at least if I can believe my committee. The thesis is entitled, Jacques Maritain: man and educator, and was well received by the committee who are not experts on scholastic philosophy. One examiner asked if I thought the emphasis on the intellectual virtues might not stifle the moral virtues as for example the moral virtue of cheerfulness which he had observed among the Franciscans of the California Missions. I reassured him that due

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balance must be observed. You might be imprudent in publishing the degrees as granted, though I think not.

At home, Fr. Purcell is once again chaplain to the Air Force, though not in the service. Frs. McCarron and O'Grady are convent chaplains. Fr. Whelihan and Fr. Moran ably handle the athletics of the school. Fr. Coyle has the job of librarian and archivist both of which are well handled. The Sunday work is heavy, each Sunday all ten of us are on the roads and we are already being booked by the busy pastors who are heading for the Grey Cup game in Vancouver. I believe we shall all survive.

Yours

Blake.

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Edward J. Hartmann
October 8, 1955

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Assumption College
Windsor, Ontario
Director of Placement
October 8, 1955

Dear Bob:

I am forwarding what information I now have, so that you can keep your type-setters busy. Still to come are (a) Peter's figures for the College enrolment; (b) the picture of the new H.S. building; (c) a few notes on epoch-making College events of the past year. These have been promised for the beginning of the coming week, and I'll send them right along.

I cannot altogether excuse you for the continued Community secrecy. "Lack of enthusiasm in certain directions" should merely have inspired you to greater efforts to assure that members got the news first from official sources rather than from Sisters, Sacristan or barbers. Of course, you are not the only clam in the community. Last Spring I submitted to the Local Council a Brief of great length asking for additional accomodation for college residents. Late in the summer, having heard nothing whatsoever from the Council, I learned from none other than Pappy that I was to have the entire three floors of St. Michael's Hall for men residents;

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that new showers were to be installed, and a few other details. I have filled the three Flats, although no one but Pappy has as yet told me to do so. I have no idea how the Local Council thought I was to know about it, and if they ever ask me why I presumed to use those Flats, I'd have no answer.

Perhaps you are now in a position to elaborate on the postings of Cullinane, Cashubec and Zac Record. I haven't been for a haircut recently, and so I don't know the score on those men

You might be interested to know that <Clarence> Drouillard's sister told a friend of mine that Clarence was being sent to Europe as a reward for having secured a doctorate in one year!

Regards to all,

Ed.

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P. Wallace Platt
October 13, 1955

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Annonay
Oct. 13/55

Dear Father,

Many thanks for your prompt reply. Kevin was touched by the concern of the confreres for his receding brow. By this time, no doubt, Fr. Flahiff has sent the lists, letter, etc. The lists were ready here, but he was not satisfied with his letter and wanted to work on it. Then we left by car for Nice, and his correpondence suffered.

A propos of those lists, there is an error in the one headed "Order of Profession". Father Roume was not professed on the 8th of March, but the 8th of November, 1927. It doesn't change the order, however. I misread his writing when typing those lists.

Kevin's exam is slated for October 25th. He's been working very hard for it. It's a sort of corker, you know, because they demand a very excellent French in the translation.

We've laid out the area for a tennis and basketball court here at Maison St. Joseph. We've also begun a programme of re-doing the Chapel. We hope to have a good deal done by November 21st

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when we'll have a special triduum and Mass of Thanksgiving. Our chapel is small, and rather in need of improvement. The lines of it, however, are not bad, and I think it has real possibilities.

Regards from all of us here, and many thanks for looking after those things mentioned in the letter. Remember me to the confreres.

Sincerely in Christ,

Wally.

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P. Wallace Platt
November 25, 1955

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Maison St. Joseph
<Annonay, France>
Nov. 25, 1955.

Dear Father,

Our Annals arrived and also your kind letter. For both, many thanks, and for the Annals very sincere congratulations. Again you've done a first-class job, and I'd venture to say that perhaps it means more to us "outré mers" than to the confrères at home. But for everyone it's a big event. It's amazing how interesting a detail like "a new altar rail ... St. Vincnet's Church, Meaford" can be at this distance. My regret always in reading the Annals is that ultimately I come to the back cover, and then there is no more.

We had quite a dinner here on the 21st. Father Roume decided to invite the clergy of the town, this year, as well as the secular priests who live at the College. I think it was the best spread we've had yet, at least since I've been here. It starts with paté, a cold meat with a pie crust around it (white wine); then saucisson (a type of cold meat again), garnished with olives and butter; après, a dish of stewed rabbit (ordinary red wine): the plates are then changed for the vegetable: string beans, very tender and cooked in oil; then turkey, and for this a burgundy;

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the salad follows; the cheese is next; some fruit; a delicious cake, and here the champagne; by this time you need the black coffee which arrives. Thank goodness these dinners are not too frequent; the human system (at least the trans-atlantic system) couldn't stand it!²

In your next letter, could you let us know the address of the Tablet; one of the priests here wants to subscribe? Our very best to everyone at the Seminary.

In Christ,

Wally.

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George B. Flahiff
October 10, 1955

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<Canadian College
Rome, Italy>
Oct. 10

Dear Bob,

I enclose the page and a half that you requested. I hope it is not too late to be of use to you. Annonay turned out to be about as strenuous as anything I have met in the whole community. Fr. McLaughlin had assured me that I would have plenty of time for rest. Alas, it is now in Rome that I look forward to rest. Seeing the confreres as a body and individually took a certain amount of time. Then, there were all the places to be seen, both past and present: Saint-Symphorien, Maison-Seule, Saint-Basile, etc. from the past, and Prades and Saint-Albans out of the present. In the mountainous country and by narrow roads, you do not get around as on the Queen Elizabeth highway, even if the local station-wagon does render good service. And there were people to be met: the bishop at Viviers about 100 miles away, members of the "Board of Trustees", local pastors and persons of influence. In addition, Father Roume wanted me to see something of the country in order to form a general impression of the whole district. I managed to draft a letter in rough but only here have I been able to put it in shape to send. I can assure you that

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it is the first thing I have done; I arrived last night at midnight and it is not yet noon today. Sorry for the delay.

You will note that I assume that Fr. Platt's account of the proceedings was meant for the Annals. I had started to go into details myself but decided that there was no reason for duplication. I enclose likewise the official appointment list, in order of profession (after the officials). There will be no novitiate this year, but Fr. Ouzol was given the title since he looks after the prospective novices. The French seldom use the intial for their second name, either the full name or nothing. I think they would find it strange if you reduced the second anmes to an initial; I would suggest leaving them in full or eliminating the second name altogether, which is the commonest practice with them.

There was no chance of getting Fr. Epitalon to make profession according to the new Constitutions; they had gone over the whole thing before I came I could see no reason for making another effort. In my visit with him I saw that he had his reasons, and I doubt if his mind would be changed, unless over a considerable time. He is a great old man all right. Fr. Bobichon is pretty

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much an invalid and not at Annonay. I did not see him or Fr. Marcou (same reason).

Many thanks for your letter to Annonay and for the news it contained as well as for the tid-bits of Community history which proved useful in the remarks I had to make to them here (Annonay, that is). I doubt if I shall find the surplice you are looking for. The standard French one is not graceful from our point of view; it is exactly the shape of an alb, but reaching only to the thighs; it ties up close to the collar like an alb, even if the sleeves are fuller than most albs. I have not yet seen the Roman ones, but I have my doubts.

I hope that you will send Fr. Roume a copy of the Register with the write-up. I believe it is his intention to put a write-up in La Croix, France's leading Catholic paper.

Father Barrett Armstrong of Toronto arrived at the Canadian College last night; he is one of the few I have seen so far. Peter Sheehan is guiding a tour of relatives; Bob Crooker is here, but so are his parents; Terry Forestell had already left for the Holy Land. I managed to see Fr. Drouillard in Paris and Frs. Platt and Irley at Annonay and I still expect to see Peter Sheehan.

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Best wishes to all. Everyone was
deeply touched by the Scholastics'
Spiritual Bouquet for Sept. 29th. Fr.
Roume will write to acknowledge it.

Sincerely in Christ,

G.B. Flahiff, CSB

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Fathers)

Kevin J. Kirley
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Maison St. Joseph
Nov. 25, 1955

Dear Father Scollard,

Hope my writing on this side doesn't make Wally's letter illegible. Let me first of all add my congratulations to his for another good job well done on the Annals. They are simply devoured over here, first hand by those who read English, and in translation by those who don't. Fr. Roume read both of Fr. Flahiff's and Wally's letters in the community room at spiritual reading, as well as apart of your own where you made mention of Fr. Shook and his offer to sacrifice another man from S.M.C. if it would mean survival here. He was very touched by such a generous offer.

As for the group photo it is excellent save for one detail, one ill-fated ray of sunlight striking directly atop one (and only one) particular confrere, illuminating to a vanishing point his last remaining strands. Operations are underway at the Ardèche Police Headquarters to have the photographer guillotined!

We enjoyed the glimpses you gave us of the skits at the Seminary. With a tape-recorder for every syllable pronounced and binoculars on every move the poor fellows in question can hardly win.

Kevin J. Kirley
November 25, 1955

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Everyone is well here, physically, but morally much is to be done to encourage community spirit. With Wally on the Council we are gradually bringing this and that into line with the Rule and Constitutions, but it will take time to ensure the flourishing of a family spirit such as you know it là-bas. So you see we are in constant need of your prayers.

Best to all at 95, and assurance of a place in our prayers here.

In Christ,

Kevin.

P.S. Did the books arrive ok?
Vie de Mgr. d'Aviau.

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Kevin J. Kirley
January 17, 1956

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Maison St. Joseph, Annonay,
Tuesday, January 17, 1956.

Dear Father Scollard,

If it's not too late let me offer you my best wishes for the new year. True, it's not as new as it was a couple of weeks ago, but since I am still receiving an occasional Christmas card over here I hasard you a New Year's greeting even at this advanced date.

Shortly before Christmas we had a day of recollection here preached by our friend Canon Rochigneux from the Foyer at Lyon. During an interview with him after one of his conferences I asked him to suggest a possible spiritual director for me. He gave me the name of a Jesuit at Lyon, a man who has spent some years in America. Unfortunately there doesn't seem to be anyone among the Basilians at Annonay that I could feel completely at ease with. They don't understand our background very well and their own formation is so very different from ours that I'm afraid discussion on spiritual matters would often lead to a lot of confusion. The choice is very limited also since most of them are about my own age, at least still very young. Let me know what you think when you have time to drop a line.

Kevin J. Kirley
January 17, 1956

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In the same letter perhaps you could include the address of the Tablet in London. One of the confreres would like to have the College receive it for the students learning English.

Our winter is quite mild at the moment — no snow and even a temperature permitting one to walk outside without hat or coat. We may pay up for it in February say those who have spent many a winter here. But in the meantime it is very enjoyable. I must admit though that Wally and I miss the ice and snow of a Canadian winter on occasion. One of those occasions occurred the other night when we saw films that Joe Dorsey took around SMC, in particular the scholastics playing hockey in the back yard. We're going to forget how to hold a hockey stick and even how to skate; not that I ever knew very well!

Our two prospects for the novitiate are sort of excited these days getting their papers in order for the great adventure westward. So far they seem quite gay about the move, but I think when it comes time to pulling up anchor at Cherbourg they will experience a homesickness that may last for a few weeks. I have yet to meet a young Frenchman who was not very attached to his homeland despite its politics and other degenerated aspects. But it will do them good

Kevin J. Kirley
January 17, 1956

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to sail off towards new horizons. Neither of them has been much beyond the Ardèche. We plan to leave here, that is the port at Cherbourg, June 21st on the Queen Elizabeth; but not having my June examination schedule yet that date may have to be altered.

Hope Father Wood is coming along better. He is in our prayers every day. Best to all your staff, and to all the confreres at 95.

Sincerely in Domino,

Kevin.

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Kevin J. Kirley
June 14, 1956

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Maison Saint-Joseph, Annonay.
June 14, Feast of Saint Basil, 1956.
9:15 a.m.

Dear Father Scollard,

While waiting to sing the High Mass at 11 o'clock I am doing non-exhausting odd jobs, such as catching up on a few back letters. Thanks for writing May 25. Glad to hear the Ami arrived, and also that you will be on the platform at the Union Station to meet us. Sorry to hear of your chilling experience at St. Anne's rectory, but no doubt the trip considered as a whole was more than worth it.

I don't know how to answer you question about clergy books, not knowing just how much travelling I'll be doing by train. For the trip N.Y. - Toronto I have (or shall this afternoon) bought the tickets over here, paying in francs and thus benefitting by the 35 frs. to the dollar difference, not only for my own ticket but for Jacques & Michel's as well. I think it would be best to leave the question unsettled until we talk it over together.

Saturday, June 16. Sorry to have delayed this but it will bring you more

Kevin J. Kirley
June 14, 1956

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up to date on our manoeuvres etc. I decided to take your suggestion of the day trip from New York to Toronto; so the three of us shall arrive in Toronto the evening of June 28th at exactly what hour, I'm not quite sure. Shall wire you from N.Y. when I find out.

We drove into Lyon Thursday afternoon (June 14) and went first thing to the University to find out the results of our written exams. Lo and behold my name appeared on the list of "admissibles" for the Etudes Pratiques certificate. What a relief! Wally's name figured among those successful on the Engl. Literature Certificate (he had the highest marks, as a matter of fact) but not on the list of Etudes Pratiques. He didn't really expect to get it, but feels a bit disappointed nonetheless.

We had our oral exams yesterday and today, all of which went off very well. So the Community got together tonight and finished off two bottles of champagne amidst great rejoicing over one new "licencié" and a second one 3/4's so.

Tomorrow morning we are starting out for Paris and Thursday next for Cherbourg, so shall be seeing you soon.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

Kevin.

Kevin J. Kirley
June 14, 1956

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P.S.

You may want to know what we shall bring with us in the way of luggage. Jacques et Michel will bring each two suitcases, and I shall have one, plus a trunk -- an empty trunk (or practically so) which I shall have to have transported to the Sem for Johnny McGee. But there won't be any hurry with it.

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P. Wallace Platt
January 4, 1956

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Maison St. Joseph,
Annonay (Ardèche)
Jan. 4, 1956.

Dear Father,

Your letter arrived this morning together with the crest so kindly done for us by Bob McKinnon, and the application forms. We will see that they are duly made out and returned to you. As for Bob, I'll write to him as soon as I have finished this letter.

I spoke briefly with Père Roume re the size of the list of the dead, and we came up with three facts:

1. The list we have (i.e. from the register made by Fr. Roume from the available documents) is about 125.
2. Some have no date of death, although they are in order of decease. Evidently the custom was not to be precise.
3. Some of our names overlap with names already on the Basilian list; but not too many. I would say but few.

While we were looking through the register we came upon some interesting items which I'm sending you for your archives, under separate cover. There is an ap-

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pointment list dated 1917, and two earlier lists, one date 1906 and written by Fr. Marijon. Then there is a note written by Fr. McBrady — interesting in that it shows his character and the way of speaking at that time.

Our chapel redecoration has been completed and the result is really fine. The chapel is now much larger, painted in soft tones of blue and gray, with a very simple new altar in oak, dominated by a large cross. You have a picture of the chapel taken on September 29, and as soon as I have one of the renovated chapel I'll send it along.

We're all fine, and so far, have had no real cold. The elections provided a good deal of interest, though the results were not too happy.

In Christ,

Wally.

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P. Wallace Platt
March 7, 1956

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Lyon
March 7, 1956.

Dear Father,

A very happy feast of St. Thomas to you and to all the confreres. Our celebrations will be very modest, but we're hoping the good St. Thomas will help us out in some of our educational problems.

The recruitment vocation posters you mentioned, never arrived. We were eagerly awaiting them, since they can be of great help in our own vocational campaigning. We'd also be very interested in having all that is available in this line to give us some ideas and some practical starting points. We have some of the folders "Who are the Basilian Fathers?" with Fr. Flanagan on the front. Are there any available copies of the vocational booklet put out in the youth some years ago? Anything in this line would be appreciated.

The report on the Christmas Conference on vocations was very helpful. It is being translated in part for the confrères. Also the two issues of The Basilian Teacher, which, I might remark, are superb, are welcome, to say the least.

P. Wallace Platt
March 7, 1956

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If you can do anything to help us out in this line, and soon, why our very sincere thanks.

All the confreres are well; the usual round of Spring colds, but nothing very serious. The cold weather has gone for good, we hope.

Father McLaughlin is expected on the 10th; we'll pump him dry of Basilian news.

Kindest regards to all; our prayerful remembrances always.

In Christ,

Wally.

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P. Wallace Platt
March 21, 1956

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Maison St. Joseph,
Annonay (Ardèche)
Mar. 21/56.

Dear Father,

Greetings on the first "official" day of Spring. The weather has been very like March — wind and rain with pale glimpses of sunshine. Seasonable, I guess.

All okay in this hemishpere. The paper speaks of a roaring snow storm in New York. Did Toronto get in on that?

The posters arrived (one batch) as did your letter of a week ago. For both many thanks. The things you spoke of in your letter will be attended to; and the record cards have been filled in as best we can and will be off to you quam primum. If they are not satisfactory, why we can supply what is missing. Typing faults are to be laid at my door.

We are working on our vocation folder. Would it be possible to use the same, or similar photos as those used in the folder with Fr. Flanagan on the front? And if so would you send them to us as soon as possible? We would like very much to have a picture of St. Mike's (the old building with St. Basil's)

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since it could be featured as "founded from Annonay". Would you have a suitable photo for this purpose. In fact any snaps that you might consider as useful would be very welcome. And, of course, haste would help, though I know you have your hands full.

The "scholastics" have not as yet received your letter, but things are being prepared for their departure. I hope we get a good number this year — losses are heavy and needs don't get lighter. We made a solemn novena to St. Joseph in union with the community. From Maison St. Joseph how could he refuse?

Kindest regards to all.

In Christ,

Wally.

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July 24, 1956

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Maison St. Joseph,
Annonay,
July 24/56.

Dear Father,

By the end of this week I hope to have the requested and promised photos of Annonay on their way to you. I've been a long time getting this done; we've been really busy; my apologies. What has taken up our time has been the preparation of the French edition of the General Rule (a copy of which will also be on its way to you by the end of the week).

The editors of The Basilian Teacher wrote asking for photos and negatives for a picture story of Sacré-Coeur and Maison St. Joseph. Would you be so good as to give them free use of these pictures, I am sending you? I had promised to send them (i.e. Mike Sosulski) a set of pictures, but then decided that one set would serve the purpose. It's for them that I'm including the negatives. Hope this arrangement is okay with you.

Also enclosed you will find some post-cards of the Ardèche, and of the Annonay region, some rudimentary street maps (best I could find) and the final copy for this year of Mon Collège, which contains some account of the College's

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passing into our hands, and of recent history. I know the set of pictures is not nearly so well prepared and presented as I would have liked it to be, and if you find it incomplete or deficient in any other way, why just say the word, and I'll do my best to comply with what you are looking for.

As you might imagine, we're in the midst of "taking over", and there's a good deal to be done. The new additions to our staff — George and Charlie — are more welcome than I can tell you. The General Council is being wonderfully generous to us. Some repairs and renovations are underway. An old, neglected room on the top floor has been renovated to serve as Community Room and Priests' Library. We're putting in a shower room with seven showers, and a new study hall on the third floor (i.e. a room which was used partly for storage and partly for recreation). Many of the confreres are away on various occupations, but a group will be working at the College through August.

Keep us in your prayers; you are very much in ours, as is the rest of the Community.

In Christ,

Wally.

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August 18, 1956

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Vienna
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Dear Father,

Your kind letter was forwarded to me here, and was most welcome. I have been spending time in Salzburg and here, and will return through Germany in hopes of perfecting my German, along with seeing the sights.

I'm sorry not to have sent you before this the obituary list for which you asked some time ago. It would be impossible for me to do anything about it before my return, except write to Father Roume and ask him to send it. This I'd rather not do, since I know he's busy with the College, etc., and one more task would make it more difficult for a man who is not too good under pressure. However, I will be back in Annonay on September 3rd, will make this list my No. 1 task, and will have it in the mail by Saturday Sept. 8th at the very latest. I hope this won't hew you too close to the line. I should have seen to this long ago.

As for Annonay news, I'm a blank, for I have been away since the end of July. I don't know whether Fr. Bondy is there or not, but I'm inclined to believe he's still in Paris. Bob Crooker was with us through July, and he and I left together, separating in Switzerland, he

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for Rome, I for Salzburg and Vienna.
This is a magnificent city; one needs
at least a month — I have six days, so
you can wager I'm busy.

Hope your summer has been pleasant.
Have had a letter or two from Kevin
who is, naturally, enjoying himself.
My kindest regards to all the confreres.

In Christ,

Wally.

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posited in the General archives of
the Basilian Fathers)

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October 18, 1956

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Collège du Sacré-Coeur,
Annonay (Ardèche)
October 18, 1956.

Dear Father,

I know that you are more than busy with the Annals and a million other things. So I won't hesitate to add one more task to your burden. Our novices are without money. I have written to Father O'Loane to advance them a little. I also told him that I was writing to you to ask you to send him the sum of \$100, which he might administer to them as they need it. Could we pay you this sum in Masses, that is, the next time you send us 100 Masses, do not send the money? I know it is unusual for the house to supply the needs of the Novices, but this has been understood from the beginning, since the families of our two novices are not very well off. Father Roume was supposed to arrange this affair, but it slipped his mind, so that he asked me to write to you to make these arrangements. Sorry to put you to this trouble.

Things are moving along at the Collège. At the moment three of our help are ill, which makes for some difficulty. The cold weather created a goodly number of colds among the confreres, but it is warm once more, and no one is too badly off.

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Our new showers have not been completed — there is a hold-up in material. A washroom is being installed on the priests' flat: I for one will be a happy patron, the basin and ewer type of washing cramps my style dreadfully. But these are the nothings of life, afetr all.

George is fine and growing more and more accustomed to Annonay. He's great with the boys. Charlie too is fine, though a little eager to get started on his studies. He wnet out for ride on the mobilette the other day and had a spill. He wasn't hurt, but his sou-tane was, and maybe his dignity a little.

Best regards to all the confreres, and always in our prayers,

Wally.

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Charles Roume
December 2, 1956

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Annonay,
le 2 Decembre 1956

Cher Père Scbillard,

Voici les renseignements que j'ai pu réunir sur le P. Joseph Malbos. Né le 17 Septembre 1822 à St. Paul le Jeune (Ardèche), à l'extrém sud de ce département. Prêtre en 1847, il est professeur au Collège de Privas, près d'Annonay. Part pour le Canada en 1852, retourne à Annonay en 1858, où il arrive le 27 Novembre.

En Octobre 1859 il est nommé Professeur de rhétorique au Petit Séminaire d'Aubenas.

En Octobre 1862, il est nommé Préfet (Directeur) des études au Collège pour soulager le P. Actorie qui a besoin de consacrer tout son temps à une Communauté qui commence à se développer. Il y a en effet à ce moment 17 novices au noviciat de Feyzin, dont M. O'Connor qui va partir pour Annonay y suivre les cours de physique.

Le 11 Septembre 1866, il va négocier à Périgueux (Dordogne) avec l'évêque la prise en charge par la Communauté de l'Ecole cléricale (Petit Séminaire). Il réussit très bien dans cette affaire.

Il prêche des retraites (au Collège, au noviciat), des missions paroissiales

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(à St. Julien Labrousse, à St. Félix de Châteauneuf, etc.)

En Octobre 1870, il est nommé Supérieur du Petit Séminaire de Vernoux, où il remplace le P. Ranc, appelé à la direction du Collège de Privas.

Voici ce qu'écrit de lui le chanoine FROMENTON, qui l'a bien connu. (l. Fromenton: Le Petit Séminaire de Vernoux. Aubenas, Habauzit éditeur, 1922) "Avec son tempérament méridional, expansif, le nouveau Supérieur n'eut pas de peine à s'attirer les sympathies du personnel, maîtres et élèves. M. Ranc avait laissé la Maison sur un bon pied; M. Malbos n'eut qu' à maintenir les traditions de piété et de discipline en honneur au Petit Séminaire. Sous son Supériorat le nombre des élèves s'éleva jusqu'à 125, grâce à deux classes de français. A ces fonctions de Supérieur, M. Malbos joignait celle d'économe, qu'il remplissait à la satisfaction générale."

Le P. Malbos quitte Vernoux en Octobre 1880. Il se retire à Ste. Barbe (Section ecclésiastique du Collège du Sacré-Coeur). Il y meurt le 6 janvier 1885. Il est inhumé au cimetière de la Communauté, au Collège du Sacré-Coeur.

Je rest bien fidèlement vôtre en Xto.

C. Roume, C.S.B.

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P.S. - Je joins une copie de quelques passages de lettres du P. Actorie au sujet du P. Malbos après son retour du Canada.

Merci pour les intentions de Messes reçues hier, (envoyées le 27 novembre)

Lettres du P. Actorie, Supérieur du Petiti Séminaire d'Aubenas (futur Supérieur Général) au P. Tourvieille, Sup. Général.

Aubenas, le 10 novembre 1856

Ce que l'on écrit de Toronto au sujet de M. Malbos me paraît bien triste et bien grave, et il me semble qu'il est plus que temps d'aviser. Mais le rappeler en France est un parti plein de dangers pour la Communauté, vu que pareille tête mettrait tout en feu. Il est possible qu'un sévère avertissement de la part de l'évêque et de la vôtre remette au moins pour un temps chacun à sa place, et puisque toutes les autorités son attaquées, il me paraît raisonnable que le prélat et le Supérieur parlent une bonne fois haut et ferme. M. Malbos est, dit-on, un flatteur en face et un médisant par derrière. Il y a toujours quelque chose de lâche dans des caractères de cette nature: si on lui fait bien comprendre qu'il

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faut que toutes ses critiques aient une fin, qu'on est décidé à ne pas les souffrir plus longtemps, il est à croire qu'il mettra de l'eau dans son vin. Je serais donc d'avis de le laisser où il est, en l'admonestant sévèrement.

Je verrais revnir M. Vincent avec plaisir. Mais pouvez-vous le remplacer? Voilà le point difficile.

du même au même

Aubenas, le 23 octobre 1856

Votre circulaire était nécessaire puisque vous vouliez donner des règles à tous; mais il me semble, et c'est aussi l'avis de M. Monot, qu'il faut quelque chose plus pour M. Malbos. Il est nécessaire qu'il sache que vous avez reçu des plaintes graves sur son compte, qu'on lui reproche surtout son intempérance de langage et sa critique méchante que personne n'est à l'abri de ses censures, que l'évêque lui-même a été attaqué, qu'il ne compte pour rien son supérieur, etc. Je persiste à croire qu'il est bon d'employer ce moyen de correction avant d'en venir au remède extrême du rappel en France.

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du même au même

Aubenas, le 2 decembre 1858

Naturellement, il y aura au moins deux versions dans l'affaire de M. Malbos, la sienne et celle de ses subordonnés. Je suis très disposé à ne pas donner tous les torts à notre confrère, parce que je vois ici depuis dix ans qu'il ne faut pas être seul pour gouverner des hommes qui se regardent comme maîtres naturels du legis, et nous considèrent plus au moins comme des usurpateurs. M. Lapierre à Feyzin, et M. Prat ici, sans parler des autres, m'en ont assez appris pour que je sois disposé à interpréter ces événements inexplicables en faveur d'un confrère qui se trouve dans une position si délicate. Au surplus, M. Malbos a un caractère ardent et une tête vive; il n'a pas toujours été équitable pour ses supérieurs; ce sera un grand bien pour lui d'avoir appris par une expérience douloureuse qu'il faut aller bride en main dans les affaires, et qu'un Supérieur a besoin de gagner l'estime, la confiance et l'affection de ses inférieurs. Il est plus facile de trancher que d'ajouter; on ne fait jamais rien d'un caractère sans ressort; on peut tout espérer de celui qui n'a pêché que par excès de force. Ne croyez donc pas que je désespère de M. Malbos à cause du malheur

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qui lui est arrivé; j'espère au contraire que ce fâcheux événement l'aura vieilli de dix ans.

Ce pauvre confrère doit avoir eu un temps épouvantable pendant sa traversée; il saura ce que c'est qu'une tempête. Probablement, il vous demandera la permission d'aller embrasser ses parents; s'il fait le voyage au Bas-Vivarais, veuillez lui dire de ne pas oublier ses confrères d'Aubenas, qui le recevront à bras ouverts. Nous lui ferons autant que possible oublier sa mésaventure; c'est à lui à s'en souvenir à jamais.

du même au même (M. Malbos est à
Aubenas)

Aubenas, le 26 decembre 1858

Les causeries de M. Malbos m'ont fait un autre plaisir. J'ai pu me convaincre que sa raison avait mûri, et que l'esprit sacerdotale et religieux avaient fait chez lui le même progrès que la raison. Dieu en soit béni!

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Calrence J. Drouillard
December 6, 1955

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Paris, France
Dec. 6, 1955.

Dear Father Scollard:

Thank you for the Annals and your kind letter. News about the community is always appreciated when one is so far away. Father Flahiff was in Paris for some time and we managed to down a couple of typical Parisian meals — dreadfully hard on the waistline but easy on the taste-buds. I am afraid you wouldn't like it over here because the ice-cream is really not up to par and ridiculously expensive, like everything else.

I have managed to get in a good bit of travelling since last August. With a few companions, I toured France, Switzerland, Austria, and Italy down as far as Naples. Several shorter side-trips have added to my fund of experience.

So far, I have found Paris extremely interesting. Given the money, there is no limit to things to be seen. The big attraction for me is the theatre. One could go every night of the year and see a different play each time. I am taking courses at the Sorbonne on modern literature, painting, sculpture and music. Most of them are very interesting and profitable.

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Bob <Flood> gave me a good, helathy budget for the library. I don't think he can complain too much about duplication — in Bill's case, it only happened once or twice. I have been following the suggestions of my professors in buying. Their bibliographical lists usually contain only books up to date.

Have you, by any chance, seen my cousin, Fr. Bondy in the vicinity lately? I wrote to him almost three weeks ago for money and a Christmas permission but as yet have had no answer. My financial status is extremely precarious — down to 150 francs. If you see him, would you kindly ask him whether he received my letter? In the meantime, I'll resort to borrowing from an American Benedictine who lives here with me.

If you see John Stapleton & Ambrose Raftis, please give them my regards. A remembrance in your prayers would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Clarence.

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Clarence J. Drouillard
May 5, 1956

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Paris, France
May 5, 1956.

Dear Father Scollard:

My apologies for the long delay in answering your letter. Wally, Kevin and myself were on a trip to Spain and Portugal when your letter arrived. The trek was a glorious one with gorgeous sunshine except for a few days in Portugal.

The St. Louis bookshop I saw. I also inquired about it. The general opinion is that the place is average, as reasonably honest as you might expect from a Paris salesman. Like most shops of its kind, it looks rather dumpy, just around the corner from Saint-Sulpice.

A friend of Fisher's has asked me to shop for some vestments which he would like to give to the College. Perhaps you might know of a good place. I would be interested in finding out where the Institute bought its vestments some years back.

No doubt you will soon set to work on appointments. We would appreciate it if you could arrange for us to get a complete list on July 1st. It takes four days for a letter to get here from Canada so you could plan according-

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ly. I am leaving for a two month stay in Vienna in a few days. I shall be back here July 1st. Please give my regards to the confreres and pray for me.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Clarence.

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John F. Callaghan
December 8, 1955

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71 Lachevrotière
Québec, P.Q.
Dec 8

Dear Fr. Scollard,

I've just been out to St. John the Baptist Church for a Low Mass & have to back in a few minutes to be sub-deacon at the High. I always think of you when I get some ceremonies assignment. (There isn't any use thinking about the huge stipend because it's miserably low).

There is another reason why I'm grabbing this chance to drop a line. It's because I expect to be in Toronto during the Xmas vacation and I want to be able to look you straight in the eye, which I couldn't if I had owed you a letter for two months and never wrote it.

Thank you for your letter. I can certainly make do with Gerry's Constitutions and Rule until the new lot comes. And, though I don't have one of the nice green ones, I do have lots of vadamecums (two, in fact).

There seems to have been quite a bit of sickness in the Community this fall. We

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were sorry to hear of Fr. Vahey's death. I was quite surprised but Gerry said Fr. had been failing a bit last year. He seemed to me to be a bit lonesome and sad although he could certainly be jovial too.

Our courses are going along. A couple of them are very difficult, hitting on subjects I never took at Toronto, or was never very interested in, and having them taught in French doesn't help any. However, I hope we'll make the grade o.k., with a few prayers.

I'm told Montreal, and even moreso, Toronto, have been having balmy weather. We have mountains of snow here, but it isn't unpleasant at all. And we can almost watch the ice and the last boats of the season floating down the river from our window (that sentence doesn't do much to show I had followed your predication course some time back).

We are being well treated and apart from the studies, which are interesting enough, everything has been very pleasant. But it will be nice to get back for a few days to a place where the mind doesn't have to work like a French dictionary everytime we want to say anything.

Fr. Bondy hasn't been able to make his tour yet, but I suppose we will see him next year some time.

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Well, the time is sliding by and I must go. They have the heaviest humeral veil in the world (for big feasts) and it has no clasps so I'll likely have a struggle. They use a lectern for the gospel, too, which threw me off the first time. The second, I was armed with the details from trusty O'Connell and all went well.

Keep well, athers, and we'll be seeing you soon.

Sincerely in Christ,

John Callaghan.

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John F. Callaghan
December 15, 1956

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71 Lachevrotière
Québec, P.Q.,
Dec 15/56

Dear Fr.Scollard,

You'd never know, judging from the carelessness with which I attend to answering, that I am very grateful to you for writing so often; and in general keeping us so well informed on community happenings. Right now I am preparing for the trip to Toronto next week. I hope you had forgotten that I pulled the same trick of waiting almost till I got to Toronto to write you last year.

We are fine and the weather is about as freaskish as last year, except that the winter started off as though it meant business. But yesterday and today it has been raining, whereas this same time last year we had a cold snap for ten days at 15 degrees below zero on the average.

As I told Fr. Bondy recently, I am looking forward very much to getting away for a respite from all the politics that is always being discussed down here. I know your policy of keeping at people till they do something you want them to do (for example, in gardens), but here they keep on harping about things and never seem to do anything

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about them. However, maybe it will all come out in the wash. I'll just have to turn a deaf ear to it all and give myself up entirely to studies — which is not easy for me.

Would you please thank Fr. Orsini for his card to us? And, if you think of it, please tell him I am looking for a definitive statement on this business of customs that grow up against the law. For some reason, I haven't retained the reason why they're o.k. if you wait long enough.

You mentioned Le Bouquiniste some time ago. I was in there once and was not at all impressed. It is a tiny one-room affair, but their storerooms may be very extensive for all I know. I did see a door that seemed to lead upstairs. Often these places do a much larger trade by mail than over the counter. I have given up buying books long since — the service is about the same as I would have expected in mediaeval Germany. 20th century efficiency hasn't made an impression yet. On the whole, I like this place, but I can find just as much to gripe about as our graduate student in Rome. He is very anxious to get through with it all.

The grapevine has it that you are no longer peering out at the feeble efforts of the knights of O'Connell, Father. It

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seems to me a sad thing to realize that those agonizing little chats after Sunday High Mass won't continue to be a part of every young Basilian's training. O tempora, O mores.

I was very intetested in the vocation paper of Fr. Corrigan and in the new application forms. When I'm in Toronto I would like you to tell me just what force our rule about not inviting candidates until permission is given has. Though I have no candidates to invite, I wondered just what position I am in here. Perhaps prudence is the best guide here, with a letter to the Council when it can be written.

This is too long now, Father, so I close with further thanks and best wishes to yourself and all. See you soon.

In Christ,

JohnCallaghan, C.S.B.

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Basilian Fathers Mexican Mission Center
Mission Director
P.O. Box 966
Rosenberg, Texas
September 15, 1955

Rev. Robert Scollard, C.S.B.
95 St. Joseph Street
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Dear Father Scollard:

Thank you very much for the compliment on the Mission Pamphlet. I shall send you extra copies as you requested, also some pictures under separate cover.

Sunday Mass Schedules

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On July 15, 1955 we opened the Sugar Land Mission Center, at Sugar Land, Texas. (We replaced the Oblate Fathers who had been taking care of Sugar Land and Stafford). Three priests live at this new Center; Father McGee, Pastor and Superior, Father John Onorato who takes care of Stafford, and Father Broussard who helps at Sugar Land and takes care of Richmond.

Sugar Land is a mixed parish — Mexican and Anglo — with 400 families. Stafford

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is also a mixed parish — Italians, Mexicans and Anglos.

There is a chapel of ease at House Plantation which will be formed into a parish, with about 60 families living in the area.

The Sugar Land Center also furnished chaplain service to the Cenacle Sisters at House Plantation.

The Bishop has given us the use of a fine brick house at the Plantation for the priests who work there.

During the past year a shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in honor of Father J.P. 'illon was completed and blest by Msgr. M.J. Daly of Houston. The five-foot statue, made in Italy, is of carrara marble and the base and altar are of Talavera tile. The shrine was made possible by the donations of pennies, nickles, etc. from the people on the missions, especially in Wharton.

Three scholastics helped us with catechism at the Wharton Center — René Vermillion, Robert Matzinger and Maurice Pierce. They did a fine job.

The Basilian Fathers had an exhibit at the Michigan State Fair in Detroit in September, with Fathers Leo Adam and V.J. Fullerton in charge of it.

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We will also have a Mission Exhibit in Rochester, New York, in October with Father Fullerton in charge, assisted by Fathers Robert Ritz and Richard Jeffery, both from the Missions and both from Rochester, New York.

After a lapse of six years (due to the Seminary drive) we made appeals in all the Basilian parishes this year.

Use your judgment on the following: I preached a retreat to the Missionary Priests of the Scarborough Bluffs last July in the city of Trujillo in the Dominican Republic.

Fathers Shannon, Orsini, Mooney, each spent three months in Mexico studying Spanish and working among the natives to learn their customs, etc.

The annual Jamaica and Bazaar will be held in Rosenberg on October 2nd. This Bazaar helps support the school and the catechists and is one event each year that brings together all the people on our missions. Each mission has a part in the Bazaar and each receives benefits from it.

Our school is the same as last year - 300 pupils.

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We have a perpetual novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe every Friday night in Rosenberg at which time we pray for all the friends and benefactors of the Missions.

Canon Alfredo Freyria, rector of the famous cathedral in Puebla, Mexico, preached a Mission at Wharton and Rosenberg. Canon Freyria suffered unbloody martyrdom during the persecution in Mexico. He was lined up to be shot and it was called off. They led him to a tree to hang him and that was called off. He finally escaped.

There may be other things of importance that I have forgotten. Drop me a line and I will answer pronto.

Sincerely yours,

John Collins

JCF

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December 15, 1955

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Basilian Fathers
Mexican Mission Center
P.O. Box 966
Rosenberg, Texas

Dear Bob:

Congratulations on the fine Annals. I expect Vin Fullerton down for Christmas.

Bob, I wonder if you could find an ambitious scholastic who is a Latin scholar to translate the 2nd Nocturn of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe for me. I might be able to put it in the book. Also if any ambitious fellow would like to look up the Catholic Directory & see how many churches in the U.S. & Canada have been named Our Lady of Guadalupe.

I am feeling better after my sick spell. Best wishes for a Merry Xmas.

Sincerely yours

John Collins

Any dope on Fr. Vahey's death? We got no information on it.

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January 7, 1956

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Basilian Fathers Mexican Mission Center
Mission Director
P.O. Box 966
Rosenberg, Texas
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Rev. Robert Scollard, C.S.B.
95 St. Joseph Street
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for the work you have done for me — mainly the translation of the second nocturn and for the number of churches named after Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Vin Fullerton spend his Christmas holidays here and it was really good for him (as well as for me). He enjoyed every minute he was here and was quite reluctant to leave to go back.

I will try my best to get a charcoal drawing or a water painting of some of our missions. However, there is no one on the mission-field that has any talent along that line. I will keep my eyes open and see if I can't find some lay person who would have the talent and interest to make a picture for me.

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Best wishes from all the confreres,

As ever,

John

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Fergus J. Sheehy
January 29, 1956

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Basilian Fathers
St. Thomas High School
4500 Memorial Drive
Houston 7, Texas
Sunday 10:35 p.m.
Jan. 29/56

Dear Bob,

It was very thoughtful of you, Bob, to drop me a line about Monsignor McAuley. He was a great friend of the family and I knew him quite well years ago. Actually he was the one who gave me the push to go back to school and go on for the Church. Let's hope that it won't be held against him now. Around 1924, I wasn't getting along too well with the Sisters at dear old St. Peter's in Peterboro, so I quit. My dad was building a church in Ennismore for the Monsignor. I worked there from September till Christmas and I used to sleep at Fr. McAuley's and have breakfast there rather than at the bunk house with the men. Of course I got to know the Mons. quite well and he finally told me that he thought I should be a priest, and to cut out the nonsense and go back to school. He was a grand man, Bob, and certainly a great booster for St. Mike's. I was able to get a Mass in for him this morning.

Fergus J. Sheehy
January 29, 1956

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Sorry to hear Dan Corrigan is not too well. He certainly has had a hell of a time the last fifteen years. I wrote him a line at the hospital not long ago. S.M.C. had better get moving with their hockey team. We are having great weather right now, Bob. The temperature flirting with the 70 degrees. It is different in the summer though. Everybody down here pretty well and things go on apace. You ought to take time out sometime, Bob, and pay us a little visit. Take care of yourself old boy and thanks again for the note. Say "Hello" to Fr. Roach.

Ferg.

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J. Gerald McAlpine
April 17, 1956

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Hotel Dieu
Room 384
Windsor, Ont.
April 17, 1956

Dear Bob:

I hope the slides reached you finally through the kindness of Father Bondy.

How we do things in Amherstburg??? I had acquired some negatives in black and white but there were on three people in evidence at that particular Baptism. A Kate Bondy said she had some, but she is in the midst of nuptial preparations.

I believe the ones received should be returned eventually to: Mr. Leo Paré, 1 Elm St., Amherstburg. His wife is housekeeper for our Mr. Nowell Mullins, former coal co. executive, bachelor. A brother is on Brock St.

I have never met the Parés. He advertised in the Bulletin — he phoned. Fr. Allor first saw the slides. Fr. Lowrey picked them up. Fr. Allor left them with Fr. Lajeunesse for Fr. Bondy.

I am "out for the season" as I told Fr. J.J. Timmons & L.J. Bondy. Enjoyed their visit very much.

The weather will determine my moving to Assumption for a time. Dr. Waddall



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(Queen's, N.Y., Boston, Henry Ford Hospital) a good spclst in internal medicine (Fr. Pacher's medico) has me forcing liquids for the kidneys & taking Serpasil for the high blood pressure. The modern Serpasil is a purified crystallized form of snakeroot growing in India & elsewhere thes thousands of years!

Hope all the Scollards are well, all the confreres, Miss Pattison (who wrote to me), Frs. Corrigan, Roach & Wood.

Expect to see, or rather have seen my aunt here — Sr. Paschal has been sick at Mercy. Her German Superior phoned the French Superior here and put the two Irish nuns on the train for Windsor — Fri. to Mon. (They were accommodated in the Maternity or Nursery Section!) Sr. Francis Marie is at Wellesley Boarding School — classmate of Vin Burke. (She was a Treacy from Alliston). She was my aunt's companion.

The Basilians & Langans & the chaplains, Fr. Jantzen (who wears white, washable woollens, cassock, sox & leather sandals) & the retired Fr. Finn, are all looking after me. The Sisters & staff are spoiling me. I'm up more each day (but weak).
Regards to all,

G. McAlpine, CSB

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Victor B. Brezik
June 19, 1956

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Basilian Fathers
University of St. Thomas
3812 Montrose Boulevard
Houston 6, Texas
June 19, 1956.

Dear Bob,

Received your letter yesterday. Many thanks. It was good to hear from you. I am pleased with the decision of the General Council on Morrison and Zimmer. Morrison especially is a weak student and I was hesitatn about sending in his application. A couple more years here will give them a chance to prove themselves capable of the academic work expected of a Basilian. I shall send Butera's certificate this week. He phoned me yesterday and said he has them nearly all collected.

We had a graduation class on June 3rd of 27 students. That is a small number compared with the classes of our other schools. But our numbers are increasing each year and there is no telling what the place will be like when it becomes a hundred years old like St. Michael's.

Father O'Donoghue has departed for Mexico City to study there this summer. Father Caird will be winging his way north next week to teach a course in Halifax. He will have a long ride.

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Father Onorato had an operation on his nose recently. Seems to be getting into shape. I haven't the latest news on the condition of Floyd Crowley. He is out of the hospital now.

Jack Miller phoned Father Duggan from Florida last week. Wanted a man to substitute for a chaplain there for six weeks. Neither Father Duggan nor I had a man to send. There's your chance, Bob. He'll send a plane for you.

Father Poupore, Father Lee and I are teaching summer school. Our enrollment is small, mostly sisters. Glad to hear that Mr. Orsini is getting better. Also pleased to know about Frank Sheahan's father and will say a prayer for him. Hope your family are all well. Best regards to the confreres.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Vic.

P.S. One of our students, Richard Schutte, won the Texas State Tennis Title last week. He probably will not go any higher. His friend, Sammy Giamalva, is going great in England right now.

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J.J. Francis Firth
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Basilian Fathers
St. Basil's Seminary
95 St. Joseph Street
Toronto, Canada.
August, 1956

For the archives:

Thomas J. Hayes was born of Jim Hayes & Mary Balfe on the 5th Concession, Oro Township, Simcoe Co. (North & a little east of Barrie — near Edgar — north of junction of 400 & 11). He had an ambition to be a priest early in life, but his father, a stern Irishman, had other plans for Tom. So he left home at the age of 14 and walked (so tradition goes. He left home on foot, might have got a ride part way. The mill was at Holland Landing) with 25¢ in his pocket to Holland Landing where he worked for a family (non-Catholic) named Mullholland. (Note. This information re his father is not too complimentary, not to be promulgated where it will reflect on or offend surviving members of the family). It is believed he worked there only in the summer while he continued his education during the school year. He worked there for several summers at least. Later, however, he was seen at home on the farm working during the summer. His mother died about 1884. He was ordained at age 29 in St. Basil's Church, Dec. 16,

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1891. After that he sometimes said Mass & preached in Barrie. He was a great preacher "with a great voice". He died of cancer as did several members of his family.

He is survived by a sister, Maggie Hayes aged 79, who lives with Miss F. Gertrude Peck (aged about 36) at Apt. 18, 1165 Kingston Rd. Oxford 1-4541. Also by a nephew Emmett Hayes, OFM, and a niece, Sister Mary Francis, dietitian at St. Joseph's Hospital.

People who gave me this information have pictures of Fr. Hayes taken in his younger days as a priest. They are unwilling to part with them but if necessary would let me have them for copying.

Francis Firth.

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T. James Hanrahan
September 23, 1956

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Basilian Fathers
4620 West Second Avenue
Vancouver 8, B.C.
Sept. 23, 1956

Dear Father Scollard,

Here is a copy of my paper on Devotion to St. Joseph in B.C. given at Montreal last summer. I thought you might like to have one.

All is well here. Classes start tomorrow. This year I will be lecturing for the first time in Canadian History to about 230 students, most of them in the new College of Education which has made Canadian History obligatory. Also new will be a course on the Renaissance & Reformation with about 45 students. My regular course in Social & Economic History of the Middle Ages has about a dozen in it (which is about twice as many as it attracted last year). I also handle a section of the M.A. Seminar in the History of Historical Writing and of the Honours Seminar in Historical Method. All in all it looks like a busy year.

Al is going to give his course on St. Thomas in evening classes as well as in the regular lectures during the day. His daytime classes in that and in the History of Mediaeval Philosophy will be small but quite comparable with other

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Philosophy courses, which do not attract many students at U.B.C. It will probably take some time before his classes grow to what they should be — but he is making a start anyway & they will grow.

Fr. Oliver is busy just now compiling a list of the Catholics at U.B.C. this year. The University has the students mark down their "religious affiliation" & Father Oliver copies out names, etc. on filing cards. This is a big job here as there will be over 700 this year.

We're waiting for Fr. Carr to arrive back. As you undoubtedly know, he is to receive an LL.D. from U.B.C. on October 26. I understand that Sidney Smith is also to receive one.

Enuf for now — greetings to all the confreres.

Yours in Christ

Jim Hanrahan, C.S.B.

Enclosure.

By act of Legislature Assembly of B.C. St. Mark's College incorporated. (You have the details of this). Fr. Carr is the Principal & is no longer teaching

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Classics. Two courses in Religion (credit courses in Arts & Sciences) will likely be introduced next year.

Land, about 5 acres on N.E. corner of campus overlooking Burrard Inlet and Howe Sound.

In the Fall Congregation (Oct. 26) Fr. Carr receives an honorary LL.D.

Fr. Oliver is chaplain of the Newman Club and of the Newman Alumni. There are over 700 Cath. students in attendance at U.B.C. The Alumni is sponsoring a lecture series on the Church and the Arts in the 20th century. Fr. Flahiff opens this with a lecture on Oct. 29. He is also giving a lecture at the U. in Dr. Ormsby's class in Med. Hist. & will have lunch at Faculty Club as guest of the history department.

Fr. Hanrahan teaches courses:

Mediaeval Hist. (3 hrs)

Reformation & Renaissance (3 hrs)

Canadian Hist. to students of College of Education (3 hrs)

Also handles part of seminar & historiography & another in Historical Method. Total students at U. c.315. He will preach retreat to the Newman Club in Fall.

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Fr. Allen:

Philosophy of St. Thomas (3 hrs)

Philosophy of St. Thomas in the evening
for Extension Dept. (3 hrs)

Mediaeval Philosophy (3 hrs)

Total students, 65. Takes part in M.A.
Seminar. Lectures in theology to St.
Joseph Sisters at St. Patrick's Convent.

The Fathers also work with various
Study Groups at the Newman Club.

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John R. Dougherty
September 24, 1956

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Dear Father Scollard,

I was just reading the duties of the Secretary General in the Rule and it dawned on me that I had forgotten to answer your letter. My address (and also that of Jerry <Pilecki> & <Leo> Hetzler) is:

Newman Oratory
614 Stewart Ave. Phone Ithaca 9023
Ithaca, N.Y.

We're getting on well here. The "englishmen" are studying hard now for their doctoral qualification exams. In a week or so the pressure will be off — at least for the present. I'm all set in my course of studies and it looks like a very interesting year ahead. People at the Veterinary School seem a little puzzled at my presence but I guess they'll get used to that.

I have a stipend for a bination Mass I was going to send to Fr. Orsini but will probably wait till a few more accumulate before sending them on. Jerry is helping out in Ithaca on Sundays; I'm working here on campus and Hetz is going to nearby Courtland (c. 30 mi) each Sunday.

Give my best to all the confreres. Thanks for the tidbits of news, even though all of it wasn't too good.

Sincerely yours in Christ

Jack Dougherty

Walter W. Scott
September 27, 1956

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Basilian Fathers
St. Thomas High School
4500 Memorial Drive
Houston 7, Texas
September 27, 1956

Dear Father Scollard;

I was most happy to get your note. It is nice to hear from the confreres of the frozen North now and then. Enclosed is the information you wish.

Yes, I am fairly well back in shape now. I played a game of tennis for the first time since my operation (kidney) on Tuesday afternoon. That should be some indication.

As regards Father Crowley, perhaps you know that in the last few months he had received something like 50 transfusions. About July it was found that he had developed diabetes, due possibly to a drug used in treating him. His last of quite a few trips to the hospital came for the first part of December, or rather September. From that time he seemed to grow gradually worse. Actually the doctors had said (during the earlier part of the summer, I believe) that he could not live past January of next year. He knew this. He died 2:30 A.M. Sunday morning. The previous Wednesday and Thursday he had

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felt the most pain. About that time his veins collapsed, and his throat became paralyzed. Then, of course, it was obvious that he could not last much longer. One of the priests from St. Anne was with him all the time. I do not know who was with him Sunday morning — perhaps Father <John> Glavin. Incidentally, he was his same cheerful self up to the last.

The church was about full for his funeral Tuesday. The bishop and a good number of diocesan clergy were present. Father Rush preached a wonderful sermon, one full of meaning especially to his fellow priests, in a style as close to perfection as one could hope for. (At least, I thought so, and all others whom I heard comment thought it was a very fine sermon.)

I'm still looking forward to your visit to Texas. Will it be soon?

Yours in Christ,

Walter Scott.

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Lawrence J. Lacey
October 9, 1956

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Saint Anne's Church
Basilian Fathers
2140 Westheimer Road
Houston 6, Texas
October 9, 1956

Dear Bob:

I haven't forgotten your request even though the delay in answering your letter would seem to indicate such. But the reason could be summed up this way: knowing Floyd as you did, you would know that he did not spend his spare time in Lyonde's, while in Toronto, nor Gittings, while in Houston. And so when the matter of a memorial card came up, we were faced with the task of finding one. However, we did find one — now hold your hat — from his passport. Luckily enough it is not the kind that inspire anarchy or a repetition of the Brink's job. So the printer has it and is making a plate. The cards were promised for this week. So what I thought I could do would be to send you the plate for your use, and if we need it for more cards — the printer is doing 5000 — then I can get it back.

Floyd really had a long siege of it. Long in the sense that it was continuous, and one thing after another. The drug that they were giving him, metocartin (as the French would say, phonetically)

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to keep his blood up, caused diabetes. In all he had about 50 - 52 blood transfusions, and pneumonia three times. The last time was about ten days before his death. He was very sick then, so he was anointed. Then the Wednesday before he died they stopped giving him any more transfusions. He just couldn't take any more, because every one they would give hastened internal hemorrhages. Friday he took a turn for the worse, and Father Glavin and I huddled, and though not being a combination of Noldin & Prummer, we decided that this was a new danger of death, the other anointing was for pneumonia, and he got over that, the doctor had told him and us that. Thus he was anointed Friday night. His sister, Stella, from Philadelphia, came in on Saturday morning, we had notified her on Friday, and she was with him until he died. I saw him every day he was in the hospital and was with him from 10.30 Saturday night until he died at 2.25 Sunday morning. He was here at the house from Sunday afternoon until one o'clock Monday when he was in the Church. Monday night, between Church fulls, of people for the Rosary, the Basilians from the High School, University and Missions said the Office of the Dead. The funeral was attended by the Bishop, who gave the absolution. It might seem odd,

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that he should be in attendance and yet not say the Mass. But, when he was asked to say the Mass he said that he would not be able to because he had an appointment. However on Monday night he called and said that he would be able to be here and would give the absolution. I was celebrant at the Mass, with Carl Allnoch as Deacon, and John Collins as Sub-Deacon. The preacher was Father Rush, and I don't think he was ever better. We have about 1110 Masses for him now, from parishioners.

I thought I would have a new stained glass window to report but it hasn't arrived as yet. The side chapel is complete and there is one in the body of the church, the anticipated one will be the second. Work progresses on the gym-auditorium, which is expected around Christmas. They sure made four good classrooms out of part of the old hall — these being the third use it has been put to. First, used as the Church, then the Hall, and now classes. They didn't use the whole Hall because they put two upstairs and two down, thus leaving about half the hall, with its stage, and room enough for a meeting place for about 100. Having a second stage will stop the usual feuds that go on between the dramatic element and those who feel that the last word is the free

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throw. We really didn't lose much of the playing field because the new building is set in the north west corner of the property ~~wasn't~~ used for anything. So when the shell gets complete, I will try to be a Karsh of Ottawa and do a study for you.

We have about 805 or thereabouts in the school — all white. The bishop said to wait until the public schools started integrating in Houston, and from the looks of things I don't think it will be tomorrow. My, they can be bitter!

Well Bob I think I have covered the waterfront. When the cards come I will then be able to see what the job looks like, and if I do not hear from you otherwise I will send the plate. Best regards to Father MacDonald — I see in the latest Basilian Teacher where the French have 'various problems, financial and otherwise' — so that should get him digging in Switzerland. Tell Leslie that his canvassing at the Tatten's was a success because the Tatten boy is at the University — step back when you tell him that.

Happy first snow,

Yours in Christ,
Larry

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Russell A. Pendergast
October 3, 1956

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St. John Fisher College
3690 East Avenue
Rochester 18, New York
October 3rd 1956

Dear Father Scollard:

Thank you for your letter in regard to the things I have been writing. I do not plan to use them publicly at least for the present.

The following is the title of Father Peter Sheehan's Thesis:

"The Realization of the Divine Presence Through the Indwelling of the Trinity According to John Henry Cardinal Newman."

STD thesis presented to the Pontifical Athanaeum "Angelicum", Rome, June 1956.

Our enrollment has officially been completed and the following are the statistics:

Freshmen	180
Sophomores	129
Juniors	60
Seniors	75
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Part time	2
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Total	446

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We had a nice visit with Father Shook while he was here to address the Diocesan Teachers' Institute at the War Memorial. Entre Nous I think his talk was one of the better ones.

As you can see from the enrollment we have a more solid student body than last year, when 200 of our men were freshmen. It may be, but we are not sure yet, that the word is being circulated, that Fisher is not an "easy" school. In any case our first impressions of this freshman class are better than the prior ones.

We have converted our other White House into staff offices, and at this time we are running a tight little island. Both "white houses" are in use, one is the residence for four priests, and one classroom, the other houses four offices for eight of the full time faculty. The next step will be "pup tents" in the back campus.

I am not aware of other items for the Annals, but I will certainly watch for same, up until your press deadline. No deaths among our parents, and the Fathers are all in good helath.

Russ Pendergast, CSB

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Patrick A. Lalonde
October 10, 1956

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Blessed Sacrament Church
267 Cathcart Street
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
October 10, 1956.

Dear Father Scollard,-

I am sorry I am so tardy in replying but I have been attempting to get the proper type of technical jargon required but since we both left our books at Sudbury due to lack of proper accommodation here we both are minus our Annals. We attempted taking pictures that would do the building justice but due to rain and construction and such we couldn't get much. I will send along a couple of pictures however and if you wish to use them you may, but we would prefer that you wait till a more opportune time. As far as the other information about the school is concerned I would prefer that it be given at a later date as well but if you want it for the Annals and time remains I will gladly comply with your wishes if you could give me a bit of an idea of the material you want. At the moment I don't have much of an idea what you would like.

Concerning the other information you asked for, we have 72 students and they are all freshmen. Father Mulcahy is the Superior and Bursar and I am 1st, 2nd and third on the advising board. We

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haven't discussed anything that requires a deliberative vote as I have the controlling voice in that.

Our tuition is \$100 a year.

I am assistant athletic director, sacristan, head of the religion, mathematics and science departments as well as looking after our vocational interests along with and in conjunction with Father Corrigan. Father Mulcahy holds down all the other official positions as far as I know.

I was quite hurt at your slip stating that I still have in my possession "More Guys and Dolls" and "Christian Perfection and Contemplation". I believe I explained what happened to those books on at least 12 different occasions and I would like you to know that they were returned to the library and I observed the proper procedures. It must have been a slip up on the part of your own staff. However I still have "The Spiritual Life of the Priest" and I would ask your permission to retain it until such time as we are through with it or until we have sufficient resources to procure one for our house.

I hope I haven't caused you any great inconvenience and if I can be of help please let me know.

Yours in Christ
Pat Lalonde, CSB

Charles J. Principe
October 3, 1956

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Annonay, Oct. 3, 1956

Dear Father,

Thank you very much for the trouble you went to in getting my visa for me, and a special thanks for having taken care of it so quickly. I think the "gendarmes" will let me stay; at least they have given me a temporary "carte d'identité" which is valid until Christmas. However, no trouble is anticipated for the permanent one, so I don't imagine Santa Claus will drop me down the elevator shaft for Christmas.

Everyone seems to be fine here. The "Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur" as it is now called, opened last Thursday and is going full steam ahead now. Wally teaches English at the diocesan "little" Seminary of St. Charles on Mondays and Tuesday — so far okay, except that for being in "second" year (which is "fifth" for our English mentality), the students know hardly any English. Kevin remarks (French idiom?) the same thing — the ones he teaches have had a year, but you would hardly guess. Kevin will have three classes a week of Spanish besides the English; also conferences to the junior Seminarists here. George seems to be doing very well after the first "choc" (I'm not sure if that carries the idea of

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"shock" in French or not!) He takes everything in good stride, it seems, as you would expect. He'll have to learn "rugby", "football" (i.e. soccer!) and "boule" but he's good at such things. Most of us are beating down the grass on the tennis court these days. It's been warm and sunny most of September here.

Fr. Bondy is well and looking after me. He says he has to bear up with me a few more days. He leaves Friday for Rome. We have visited St.-Basile, Maison-Seule, St-Symphorien among the Basilian points of interest.

As for me, all's well. I start in a month, but of course I'm studying my French already.

It was wonderful reading about the centennial of St. Basil's. Sounds like they were quite the days.

Hope all is well with you. Give my best to Fr. Flahiff and the rest of the Curia, Fr. Kennedy, Fr. MacDonald and Fr. Roach if they are around when you read this.

Thanks again, Father.

In Christ and His Mother,

Charlie.

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P.S. Wally rolled in from near Nice in the gift Ford we received from a Texas lady last Sunday. Blue and white, automatic window-openers, seat adjusters. We have to hide it for the moment. Who would dare appear in town with it here?

C.

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Gerard A. Pilecki
November 30, 1956

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614 Stewart Avenue
Ithaca, New York
November 30, 1956

Dear Bob,

Thank you for your note and the forms. We have met some very likely candidates who have shown interest fin the Basilians but they seem to be bound to steady girl friends at the moment.

I had intended to write to you before your letter arrived in behalf of a sister of St. Joseph who is studying here and who gave Hetz and me some valuable counsel when we first arrived. She is editing some texts of Matthew Arnold and for some reason or toher she can not get her hands on the ditions she needs. On the chance that the seminary library may have one of them, here is the list:

Matthew Aronold: ESSAYS IN CRITICISM, first series. either the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd editions, London: Macmillan, 1865, 1869, 1875.

I hate to put you to this trouble but both Hetz and I feel indebted to her for her help in getting through the qualifying exams.

Thanks for the news about Toronto and Windsor. Here at Cornell, Hetz and I

Gerard A. Pilceki
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are struggling with German in the hopes of passing the language exam in January. Jack seems to be enjoying his experiences at the Vet. school where he is taking his biology though he is accused of killing an excessive number of dogs. I have given a talk at Ithaca College religious week conferences on the Catholic Church and the Bible. It was a panel with Protestant, Jewish and Catholics represented. That led to another talk to the Cornell Unitarian group on the same subject and next week I am supposed to talk to the Canterbury Club of the Episcopalian Church. Fortunately they don't take up much time, only forcing me to review some points which I should know anyway.

Best regards to all.

Sincerely yours,

Gerard Pilecki, CSB

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Ernest J. Lajeunesse
November 30, 1956

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Assumption University of Windsor
Windsor, Ontario
Department of Modern Languages
Nov. 30/56

Dear Father Scollard -

I hasten to send you this obituary of Fr. Wood for the 1957 Basilian Annals. I fear that if I leave it on my desk, it will grow beyond the limits you suggested. There are so many things that could be written about Fr. Wood! The biographical material in the first paragraph has been taken from Fr. Mallon's write-up in the Catholic Register. Will you please check it?

Re French books in your library. I may be in Toront in the not-too-distant future to consult with Professor Careless on the preparation of material for the Early History of Essex County. If Fr. Drouillard gets there first, I'll ask him to examine you stock.

Sincerely yours in Christ

E.J. Lajeunesse, C.S.B.

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J. Floyd Crowley
June 27, 1956

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<St. Anne's Parish
Houston, Texas>
Wednesday, June 27

Dear Bob,

When you shall have finished reading this, put it in the Library and 100 years from now, the then Basilians will wonder why we taught our Lay Brothers to write, especially since we didn't have any. That will confuse 'em.

Sure did appreciate your cards & note, and many thanks.

The appointments arrived this morning, but Fr. <John> Glavin won't even let us have a peak at them. Recalls an incident that happened in my early days as a Basilian. "Sham" O'Brien, of happy memory, was moved to a certain house. Fr. "Dodger" Burke, of happy memory and a lousy fiddle, was the Superior. One of the older Fathers gave Sham the low down on Fr. Burke in these words, "Burke isn't a bad fellow, if he wasn't such a sticker for the d- old rule". And now I have forgotten what's the connection. Maybe you can unravel it.

Had a nice visit with Matt. He hasn't changed a bit.

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We are expecting Tom McGillis home any day. We think he is in Mexico. We're not sure, because we seldom hear from him directly.

There isn't any news. There probably will be at 8 o'clock Saturday morning. And right now you know more about that than I do.

Remember me to all the Fathers and tell Vasek to quit "putzin around with the Summa" and get back to work.

Floyd.

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J. Floyd Crowley
July 4, 1956

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<St. Anne's Parish
Houston, Texas>

July 4

Dear Bob,

I understand, and for me that's not easy, that you wrote a pamphlet or some-such like about the older Fathers of the Community some years ago, e.g. Fr. Heydon. And that name brings to my mind race horses. I'm not convinced he ever owned any, but that's not important. Fr. Burke, a fiddle, I know he had one. Fr. O'Neil, locked, I bumped my nose on it too many times to believe it wasn't locked. Fr. McBrady, "The Catholic Church is high born and high bred and She doesn't cater to the rag tag and the Bob-tail."

I would sure like to have me one of this pamphlet. I would find it very interesting. I am also in the market for a 1951 Annals, if'n you have a spare. I have already used up my 120 so you will have to put this one on the cuff.

My appointment pleased me very much.

My sister called me from Philadelphia. The colored gal put a note on the board for me — Father Crowley call Philadel-

J. Floyd Crowley
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My best regards to you all.

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